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Letter of the month Cuff 'em and stuff 'em

I was interested to mad Agron Museum to retter ("You Don't Look 21") in FISM \$167. He werens to advacate merallies for retailers that sail M-rated games to minors. So, for example, which contains bare breasts and profamily... in other words. things you can find in R-cated mexics. Therefore it somes selling M-rated games to minors as they do for selling R-colod Except there are no possitios for selling R-rated movies

to minore! By advocating fines for solling M-cated games, arshall is putting such games in the same category as

nography. Goes he went the general public to view GTA: Mos

Git in the same light as Scott Respect 127 You had, because

igh actively restricting the availability of M-rated would help shield the game infastry from some of the more billous flack it rec you make a good point—one we expect will go ignored by brwrsakers and the mainstream media, as they pass

cutygoed indocreent on games they've never played. He

Haberdashery hijinks

I recently named Parcer Chagoon Orta for These and thought it was pretty good, but I ted a tiny problem-OK, a big problemwith the game Where did my friggin' hat go? I know I had it on when I broke out of sall; but then I We said it In EGM #161 (becau 56) you made a year

about the Quidditch game being so improved in EA's The Chamber of Secrets game that we'd have EA Sports making a standarone Quiddisch tills in no time. How irosp/coincidental/booshiy superpriural in is that FA has now appointed Alarm Antino Questitch World Cup (Eshtor's Note: see

Sevolution parties? I can't anymore our I shattered a bone in any foot while trying to do a Swanton-like Jeff Hardy. I'm so PO'ed The next two months will be torking _Year D

We had a similar problem, but on account of a poorly executed triple lutz double-toe-loop salchow, death drop

"Do you still play your Dance Dance Revolution games? I can't anymore cuz I shattered a bone in my foot."

get on my dragon and poof, it was gone? Now my whole ensemble is thrown off.

That just won't do. After you've played the game for 15 hours (or finish it on Hard), go to Box Game in Pandara's Box, select Costume, select Ending, and rstrieve your precious headquar. Thought you could out-sausage Tricks Editor David Hodgeon, sh? Better luck next time. Don't pay we rever did

anything for va.

came 35 for more Jefs). May I remost that you from me in the ways of your psychic powers so that I might use them for ever

Dur pracular abilities are limited to lorecasting events in the game industry. with occasional moments of prescience in the field of sports betting. Good luck taking over the world with that

DDR disability On you still play your Dance Dance into cannonball. It was definitely worth it, though, no exestion.

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est bet, but this also works GM Letters

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Last mouth marked the launch of our front-to-back lign. We understand that change is frightening lite some screening and shouting, most of you led it well and even had some excellent rations to further improve ESM's new look.

that's all I can say. The redesign is great, I was iss as I opened the new issue of EGM. I was tical whom I first froard about the upcoming ange, but the new layouts, colors, sections, more previows, and now music (of least I thought I heard music as I turned the first page) won me over. EGM is our second to none. My only little grope is that someone spilled PC in my favorite magazine [Editor's Note: the PC Barring Undedo column, see page 54.

remain The #1 Videocurre Magazine.

Well, besides that one little problem, you are and will Fre a longtime reader, and I must say the miskower is great. I think the best change is the Previous

was sactions: just the way everything is laid out es it more enjoyable to read-for some reason the screenshots

m to stand cut more and I get a better ing for the games red. Also, it's et damit time you ank the sales rts. If work a huge ste of space for hing Land

Keep up the great work and don't be affeld of changing anything in the future as well. - PSIND OF A PRIMA

Arright Changel World spinning out of control! Paris enguills mot Blackness every

Penso...subsiding. Sight .. returning. World...well, the world is etill spinning, just not as bed. Rodesign...still shockingly different, but not a bad thing, Good work, people.

- Karl Sharrings tions. I like the new Press Start and Letters sections

but the Reviews and Provious (the reasons I buy EGM) should have been left alone. The new format lacks any esce of organization—I leved how the games in the old EGM were opior coded and divided into sections by system. Vesselly, the magazine is more cepting to look at but lacks the clarify of the old ESM I hope you will take these points into consideration, as I think this redesion has great potential

I've been a reader for about 10 years, and i just want to say that while you guys are still doing a great job magazine tregut really, truly strake, I found it

exceedingly hard on the eyes and confusing to read The most significant disappointment to me was the complete visual overhaul of the Review section. Please please severt back to the old forest of showing the score right on the actual review from each person. I love you guys; I just want my magazine to be readel

and I was highly disappointed lest month. I'm assetty anger to dig into the new issue, but I found myself pating it down out of coaspersion.



Shame on you all for the new art design, I ha been a kyral subscriber for around six years now, and

wor't be renewing. I always admired £68 est gaming magazine around. The new lay lights to be dynamic and striked, but just hits me with the same drone as so many who have pull crap before. I don't know where else to go for gaming

nows. ESM was the only publication left that dide and read like a dang pross. What's next? Cartoon characters for all the editors? I'd bitch about the des, but this month's issue was too baring to get

past the leads. -Mars S Know Thanks to all our readers for the input, but extra inks to Hines S. Grubb for his wonderful car

characters idea. Look torward to next month, when try editor will have a new, cuddly "func r-in-Chief Dan "Shoe" Hau has dibs on Ar Armadillo. The design will confinue to evolve over the next few issues, so if you've got something to

"In David Hasselhoff's levels, say, he could save drowning victims...and end up hugging his son and all that."

Public-service announcem Flore's some info for all those diabetic Gams Bay Advance players out there A new GBA is being developed that incorporates a blood-super mentor fivery precing in your set cause will earn coints. discounts, and games from Nethindo Ibs called BlacoBoy-see www.glucogames com for more info, Prototypes have already -Andrew Whiter

proven successful in lowering blood sugar because, seel, overvoes wants free staff. which you can redeem for special promos, 6lucs6eress

or bonds. I was nede mused by Nialo Jirin's letter 24f #167) and your ruspox (Rest Factory VIV) over with a bunch of Malica iyers from Ot-kom It's not exactly Cloud Strife (Fuchsy W) and Dir on y, but close enough. Enion

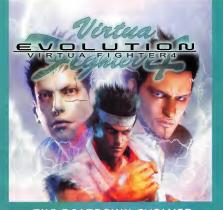


Being David Hasselhoff I was just watching Saywatch a few hours ago, and I got a littler idea for a game: Shawason Picture it-you could play as David Hosselbeff, Parsels Anderson, Nicole Foort Yestine Bleeft Alexandra Paul, and whoever else starred in it

In David Hesselboff's levels, say, he could save drowning victims, try to escape a crazy woman he once loved, and end up happing his son and all that, just like in the second Pamela's leads could maybe be TSA or something, I don't know You could drive around the city à la @and Thet' Asto, go to the beach and gave swimmers, or build up passionate relationships with other people! Helt. this thing could even be prime I'm net crazy. You know you want a Reywortch game.

-Boay Wilson





THE BEATDOWN EVOLVED



















souttering outrage

writing to response to your interview with Elijah Wood (ESM) S), stor of the Lovd of the Alogs movies. My colleagues and I are evihal frustrated about a comment you made to him at the end ow. You asked Elijah Wood if he would be in a new game. ard of the Bedsprings: Elven Girls Gone Wild. By stating this, you have rated and destroyed the entire purpose of our civis (to sup od white maintaining morals (set) values). Thus, as an celline thy and highly respected celebrity association, we cannot allow nue reading your magazine.

Although many of our mirribors are EGM readers, due to the fortunate excurratances, they have publicly amounced that they no

longer support EGM, as it has no respect for mocels. Our club is highly ranked in fan clubs, and I am sure that other readers who know we we cancelled our subscriptions will do the same. I am sure that this

would be a treat loss.

President of the Official Eljoh Wood Fan Club

(careastic clapping) 9a you think we're idiots? Google numbled you in about five seconds. The president of Elijah Woods' fan club is actually a gal reimed Colleen Lynch. And is she gonen be angry when she ho



Pad problems adapter for GameDube? Gancors vs. SNY 2 would be a believe lot better, and I don't

think that GameQube pad that looks like a SNES controller would cut the mustard. I leave it to the fine talks at EGM to bitch and complain to someone who will actually give a damn. I want that adapter, perstamen (and women), and I believe you can make it happen. Either that or Fill our! up in the fetal position and weep uncontrollably →Coden

Why isn't there a Super Nintendo controller

Why no SNES controller adapter for

SameCube? That's like asking why same controllers don't just also directly into the base of your spine; we could give you an answer, but it'd be



word on the street WHAT INNOVATIONS DO YOU HOPE THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSOLES WILL BRING TO GAMING!

controllers. For those private memeris like picking your play in a football game, it's definitely a glas. Sect had omothing with the Dreamcast's VMII.

no one has used them to their full potential

Online components in the box, frunch software that utilizes the coline

ensized hardware, Capcom's Steel Pathlos three-piece control usus and padds likensed to all three compinies and issued as standard controllers, and managemes that focus on the trials and tribelations of a young

man extend Byo Hazaki [Sheemsu]. If you can -Andrew Rocks

I would less to be able to buy all the console maker's cartier games directly

Carrier Niction de's NES, SNES, and Samultubu games (and all provides Sega consoles" Abrary, There'd be a 1860 description of the came-If you wanted to buy it, you'd enter your crudit cred

downloaded, whatever

Absolutely nothing but cornec I don't wast a DVD player, and I con't want power windows. Que holders would be

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out on Artoy-Fortey Inviduos (EGM #167

(5) "book distroying the text of postmodernist thid Fournell, Sprice devadors-eight, made me Attention critical theory has not colored into the rse of videogames. Existential themes like esness, dread, and individual accou are present in most comes. If pritical theory took on the ing industry, the deconstruction of visi could lead to the rethinking of games as lexts that fleet the generalogy of outure and society. Imagine

characters in Asimal Crossing or the discourse of the

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We imagined if, all right. We are sow officially encouraging the letter-milling public to inundate us with incomprehensible game-related philosophical dises—not that we don't get those already, mind. Keep it short

"Can you give me Brett Isaacoff's phone number?" -share marker

completely made up. Have you actually tried Hori's SNES-like GemeCube and, though? It's great, Of course, you can't buy it here, but you can order it through importers like resultan for about \$22.

Cheaters always win I would hise to start by saving that SOCOM: U.S. New SEALs has to be one of the best comes over for PlayStudion 2 However "rame enhancer" check devices like CodeBrasker, Action Replay, GameShark, etc., are running the game There is a code for the CodeBroaker that allows observe to pressure as a phord after they die-so they're investile, but still able to kill others. Another code disables the ability of users to vote the cheater off the server, raining the game for everyone else. SOOM developer Timper Interactive. and Sony need to step in and lock these people off if you're account cheating. please sign the polition at snew petitionesine panishestess/orition

MCOZO, was gird bee lated EGM dating service Wall, that Brett leaseoff Sustains, ESM #166) is appear than Varnoirs Hunter D and Metheur Good, Although Metheur Good still has the coolness factor ... and Varigire Hunter D is a fictional character, which kind of puts a damper on things. Can you ove me Brutt (seacoff's otone number? He can play me beauthal music with his bagupes anytmo

-stong_monlev@toctron/com

We don't see it, but whatever, Bertt specifically asked us not to reveal his digits-perhaps he knew his visage would cause general sweening among the female occulation. You'll just have to make do with this picture, sealed with a kiss by also-dreamy Copy Editor Greg Fort, Freget 44.



-from //asskir

I guest you guys were in a pretty festive mood last maints, what with the magazine redesign and all. However, Pm not sure trossing finishin gold armeris around was the fight way to calcheste. All things of Chief Pmay be a five game, but It's not fine enough to bend the laws of arithmetic: (9.0 + 8.0 + 9.5)/3 - 8.63. Cheers on an otherwise spiffy change!

-Mark Maxx

ops. Midnight Clob if should have named a silver amard. Dang now math, who











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Sony banks big on cellular theory

Sony declined our request for a comment on its PS3 strateov, but the company has already spilled the cuts of its correction in a few ways. In 2002, Shirachi Okamoto, chel technology afficer for Seny's gernes unit, outlined the technology the company will use as the brains of as third-generation machine. The system will reack a new microprocessor jointly developed by Sony Toshiba, and IEM at an estimated R&O cost of \$400 million. "Moore's Law is too slow for us " Glomato said referring to the computer-goek axiom that chip performance doubles roughly every 18 months, "We can't wart 20 years to achieve a thousand-fold moreous in PlayStytion renformation." Recent potent disclosures show that PS3's "cell-computing" architecture will

pack many processors sets a single city, as opposed by such need processor that ne conventional chips. This cell internalizadiscribed set a "Improcessing from a city" will treat down processing dates and saight them to the various processors in a way, it works like a beetler, in which takes are pacaded cell to specific worker beautiful could even to bused scores an electric—passed with bused scores an electric—passed with such chips and processing and bused scores an electric—passed with such chips and processing and such chips and processing and such chips and processing and such chips and such ch

tion—there's well speculation that the system could tap other mothese ever the Interest to reads processing power (Kamoto sed the console would be capable of 1 trillion floating-point operations per count, or the processing equivalent of 100 Penturn 4 object just one of these chips server as the trans of a modern PC, Graphics—card maken Mixfal and ATI.

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mixed Some express twe at the machine's proposed power But others, the Epic (Monal Chemponship) President Tier Swenney, say it would be withally impossible to program games for a system with so many processors working in parallel. "The never heard."

processing for a single game across a notwork, since the delays at fatching results from a remote console are huge companed to the speed of internal processing

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Philips * Of course, Sony made the same prebunch pse-in-the-sky predictions shoul PS2, and those years late, we're still wating for the hard-drive add-on, One chapmaker says Sany may include CD- or DVO-burning

to the hort-drive add-on. One chipmaker asys Sony may inches 00 or 00th bearing capabilities in its next box. Runners suggest that the Pay a technology or developed Sony that this date with the 10th of worth of cital, will also be used. But the old question remainer is this box for greenes or ther as entire family looking to control all of the dig-

"Using a ton of processors in parallel would be very difficult. It's already hard to use the processors in the PS2 correctly."

from Sany jabout) from they intend for people to use the hardwark," Severely says. "I can't imagine how you will actually program ffor thet corected," Meanwhile, Peter Claskewsky, editor of Microprocessor Report, seve of Secont make series to somed the promise of the PlayStation 2," Okamoto said in a speech to game developers. "It will compute not only with game consoles from Nationals and Microsoft, but does with Pice from of Cell... and Herslett-Paskend, and with TV aid 4p boxes from Microsols and tal entertunement? And since the processes to mase produce cell chips will be unexaltable until at least 2005, could Sony run into the same manufacturing problems that plagued the PS2 graphics chip and led to shortages at the system's brunch?

the future is (sorta) now

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III The new PS2 tacks a FireWhe part and has two new remote buttons—Open*Class (for the castless) of the track and Prove. Time to fire the medicinal resources who force on your PS2



XBOX 2

Generation Y may do more than play games

Microsoft's next box, code-named Xeron teffor the mort, colorless gas—no fart takes please), is scheduled for a 2005 release, according to developers we spoke with Expect it once again to be based on PC technology, with a single listel or AMD microprocessor or multiple lintel chips working together in multiprocessing fashion like today's servers do. The advantage for Microsoft The use of conventional dreps worked fine with Xbox, sllowing the company to make its processor chaige late in the

game and still field a box relatively quickly. The disadvantage is that an off-the-sholf Intel chip may be no match for the performence Sory has in mind with its cell. processor Another disadventage of multiple chips Programming for the console could become much more difficult

Meanwhile, ATI Technologies and Note - the company that supplied the graphics technology for the original Xboxcontinue to bid for the light to provide Xenon's craphics chip. Microsoft may even Microsoft officials have been taking bids

consider develop ing its own chip, the Xenon project inherited designors from Microsoft's WebTV types

Housever It's unblocks this unbest ed group can pull oft an extremely sophisticated graphics chip. On the

other hand. It's more than likely the box will use WebTV's digital-video recording carefulity to store TV programs on its hard drive.

from hard-drive manufacturers no they reed 405B doves (The

current Wheeks citive is 9580 We fully expect the next Xbox-4ke the organi-to come with a built-in broadband port and to continue driving the growth of

Abox Live, Microsoff's burgeoning online solely on Wavebird-like wireless controllers. Given Nintendo's we only care about carries philosophy it's a safe but the Cube follow-up. will lack the home-serveriset-top-box features Sony and Microsoft are hyped about. We

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...we expect the console will rely solely on Wavebird-like wireless controllers.

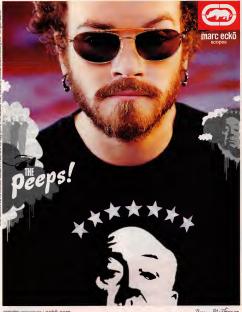
Mintendo will also use PM and the PowerPC recroprocessor architecture again Otherwise, we figure Nintendo's next pagtern will support or less up with whatever Game Boy iteration is ruling portable garring

are house, however, that Nettendo will firstly incomposite built in online features into its system. The only other big question mark is the system's shape. Nintendo's already done a cube. What's next? A paramid?

Hey, it could haroes 24 -- Coan Tokubashi







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Danny Masterson in the Reeps



GRUDGE MATCH

Nerd vision vs. night vision in the final staredown





MAX FISCHER VS. SAM FISHER

Sure, Spileter Colf's Sam Fisher is crafty and good with the stealth kills, but ver wrote a hit play, attempted in seduce a first-grade teaches, or save like Bushmare's Max Fischer. They're both sneaky bastards, to be sure but there can be only one Fis(e)har king...

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The trigger of his 5.72mm SC Fistol

et gun capable of pissing off a Soxtsman from three yards Paul Plaiffer from The Wooder Years

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eatrical adaptation of alth-Has at least one follow set in ancient Greece, earns him a stgradusto year at Rushmore

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME QUIDDITCH?

We called this one. EA recently ansourced a

new Potter game that could fit right in with

Sam handly disarms the Restautre dropout and caps his right through the gooly hat as the Cat Stovens fades in-

NEWS BITS: READ THEM ALL AND YOU CAN HAVE DESSERT



DEFE-LAWSUIT The divine Lady Miss K the new-defunct band Geet-Life is suing Seen for \$750,000, claiming that growy" image. The world awaits the verdict.

A GETAWAY MOVIE How weird is this-a film based on a came based on the style of Guy Milche's Mrs? According to The Hollywood Reserver, a big-screen version schaduled to start production in 2004 and bit theaters in time

their sports line—Kney Patter: Guidallish World Cap, coming to all consoles. We hope John W. trick play is a give-up play" Madden will be communications.









INSTANT EXPERT:

From zero to otaku in 60 seconds

If you think anime (say it right; at-n)-may) is a sticky tree sap used by varnish makers, then you're absolutely rightand absolutely weird ('cause, like, why do you know that?) You're also missing out on a type of made-in-Japan animation that goes hand in sweety hand with game culture. Study up to fib your way into the import-store crowd...

Start worshipping Horaz Misszaka, the winter/grector/lead animato of Princess Mononoke, Kiki's Dehvery Senice, Castle in the Sky,

and 2002's Occar-wanning Southof Assor, all available on DVD. Don't get caught without these classics...

III Near Genesis Evangelies—An artex, psychological action drama sones that has become an anime legend # Akira-A sci-fi mederosco, se stylish as d is passyrnical Low Miss, Tenchi Mayo, and Rayma 1/2-Arrong the best series in the popular "wacky romantic-cornedy" genre-Grave of the FireNes—A beautiful, trags: gut-punch of a move Build street cred with these ter ## Regist -- Means "nerver!" Also used to describe the normal graphic znime subgenre (which may involve tentacles) or her favorite character, watch only Japanese-subblied shows. and bitch on the Internet about American agenc companies

Bone up for nothin' The Cartoon Network is too to anime, with so-so led-frendly shows like Drecon Rell 2 and No No Hakusho arring in the offernoons

on quard for that whole tentacle thing.

Mecha-Anime subgerve that stars super-duper robots Otaku—An exireme fan, someone likely to dress up as his

and edgier forcilike. Vigor in the wee-hour Adult Swym Incorp Best of all is the stylish Cowboy Seboo, on Sunday through Thursday of 1 a m. EST Ch. dot't op blowing \$25 op a DVD without median a review at animeonded corn or an menowanetwork.com. And be -Casey Loc

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AFTERTHOUGHTS: THE SIMS

Pestering the guy who lets us play God

videogames, even basic bottenetions. That's one lessen we've learned since The Siers, the huzely nonular life simulator, invaded all three consoles. Another thing we've learned is that holding a con versation with Michael Perry, design director for The Sine, is tough. There's the whole subpar personal hygiene issue, and then every couple minutes he jumps up, sprints to the bathroom goes and makes lunch, or possibly gets in the hot tub (where, curiously, we're always compelled to jobs him). He talks in this furry Charlie Brown's teacher's language, and what's with all the weird pictograms? Oh walt, we were just having another Sims dream.

Never mind. EGM: Is there anything you bried for the consolo version that had to be cut or

just didn't week? Yeah, we lried a few different those for a while we were trying to decide if we should bonsi console demeets to The Sess meaning action, buttonmashing staff. We even had a design where the played could have their San bump into objects and these

little karma coms would pop

out And it seemed like a great idea for a game We Speed but The Same is such a useous demenday experience that it felt like it wasn't 7he Sins anymore ECM: What go you think of the TV commercial with the plastic-leeking mo and daughter playing strip poker? Or did we misread what was going on

there entirely? MP: [laughs] I love that commercial When we created new abjects exclusive to the console versions of The Sirus, we really tried to come up with some of the crazinal things we could think of, and the step policy table and the bug zapper were two of the first we designed. During the process we tried to think of how they would look in an act or on TV, so it's great to see the strip

EGM: You came up with some prebizarre ones. Her the monkey butter and teepanyaki table-was arm too far out there to make the cut? MP: We were expensional with some two-player, kinda button-mashing game objects-games you could put in your backward. While we could make each one of those into fur little manipames, well, it didn't feel like The Sans anymore it felt more appropriate for something like Super Monkey Solf So maybe they weren't stolly far-out objects, but they weren't Sime-style objects.

EGM: So Is there a risde code er what? The

world wants to know! Presumably MP: There an't one in the game itself, but if you get some of the cheat. hardware, you can do it with that

EGM: Has anyone broken the news to [Sims creator] Will ight that the videogame version of Battlebots has been carcolled, seeine as

how he's such a fan of the show and all? MP: I don't knew Will has a really cool place In-

Berkeley, CA] called the Stupid Fun Club, which as full of cobots. If you've ever wanted to feel Mee you're living stade a wdeogame, that's the place 346 -Decree Line

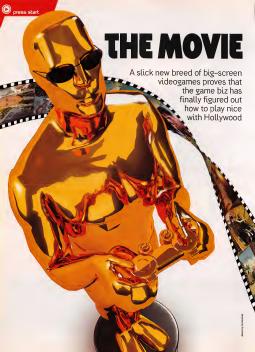
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GAME: RELOADED

convenience in the deserts of New Mixoco kes a potent reminder of the checkened history of moviebased videograms. It's there that in September 1963, 14 tractor trainers redied up to a landfill and dumped their cargo, 5 million unsold Atan 2600 certridges at £ X: The Extra Terrestrial the videocame based on Stanhan Spielbern's classic fain. The garne-which cost \$20 milion to license and was directoped in only six weeks-was a failure of epic proportions, largely because of its country gamentay imput copies were returned to stored. It also unbered in the long-standing trend of biah games based on blockbuster flicks. For years, seeing a move game on a store shelf was alon to soving Pauly Shore's name on a movie poster. The

Pasily Shore's name on a movie poster. The recoping Ram for your life. But things may be charging. Nowe games are going through a creative renaissance, feeled by a bareporing collaborative relationship between Hollywood and the games including, and the stigms of the movie. genes (Solden for Denous, Golden) or for Hertando 64, may be tean the exception rather than the after Stot labely, several swidt move tables have that an application on the state than a sensing. Spatian-fator and the overal beat acred of the fator, the fator Solden in the part, general like the just-released of their the part, general like the just-released of their the difference as sensing you was the mediatorship between developers and inframeders have come. Gover and the digas of moves—florance mistriany a great move I conce with a great game can be an explorer combination. The price in in the numbers Lest year's Nor-Nevero game canned Electricone. And \$175 million, more than what move move make at the bec other Smirriany, Achievani, Spakin-Alan has raised up move than \$200 million mistells. Not supersingly, from executaries approach moving games in the past, "reacculies million growe game in the past," reacculies million growe games.

with rushed production echedules and fourly sales. Now, other years of this victous cycle repeating steel, executives throlly understand that a movie star's face on a game too wor! thick people into parting with their cosh Lucenso or not, if is the game visite the lost that existes.

the box that matters.

Along with realizing the importance of generality, tilm producers and directors are also beginning to show interest in games as a storytelling medium. "Feltimations used to see films as the open of a force-myll united."

"No one looks at the *Godfather* film and says, 'Oh, it's just an attempt to cash in on the book."

-- Electronic Arts Producer Med Noon

mainstream consumers who don't know any better. Teday's movin games agains to be propriag expenses of that complement and capaed on noth firm universes. Why the change? In other, Hellwecol.

kind of game experience would fall out on the other and," says Shary President Dave Perry, designer of Enter the Matrix "(The executives) were just making meney, putting leaghter deal? But more often than not.

varse, and everything else was derivetive, bits leach pails and action figures," explains Post Baldwin, Witch marketing at Xomb Stacker publisher Exists. "But now, games are the first metrchandering opportunity where accentioned on page 451





al appeal of a Nor Sam Rome

Jackson II and of the Road Jonathan Mostow (Terrenotis 3), Ang Lee (The Hull), and the Wachowsky brothers (The Metor) have started collaborating with come developers

Just ask Story's Perry, who thought he'd have to beg to get one exclusive move scene for Enter the Matrix As it turned out the Wachowskes shot an hour of film features specifically for the passe. They also con-Perry's team complete access to the film's were and crew Still, you have to wooder why directors are suddenly giving game comporace such unprescripted asserbes. According to Busyantar Schreeter Josephon Mostow, it all comes down to the alture of an expended film universe. "There's only so

move," Moslaw says "But the game prowides limitless boars of play and a manad of opportunities to explore fother) aspects of the Torresponder legand " All the accontingments of Hobersoni per tripation, however, con't necessarily lead to

compelling gameplay. The Biopest challenge for move-game makers is deliverne an congruence that feels like a film but also works as a game. "If you were adapting a







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PlayStation₂2



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EGM INTERNATIONAL

Two European games that don't involve soccer



I AIN'T AFRAID OF NO GHOST Important safety fin: Do not cross the

streams in PS2 import Ghost Hunter Cembridge Studio, maker of the recent PS2 macabre actioner Primat is finishing up another accell-themed came—Shost Horser In II, you play a cop-turned-ghost buster who the developers describe as a max of Bruce Wills, Will Smith, and Brod Piff. So, a prefly average quy, If Proma's spey visuals are any indication. Hunter's graphics should impress, but it's the way you light the ghosts that has us intricued First, you have to clobber them with a special weapon that will anchor 'ern to our world, and then you can unload with one of your conventional guns. If that's too much work, you can use weepons like a ghost lasso to latch on and drain a spector's energy. Shost Hunter smit listed on Sore/s North American misses schedule Yell



APPETITE FOR DESTRUCTION The Destruction Derby series gets more. .uh, destructive

Rape, wheck, or may the two in Sony Europe's upcommo PS2 car cruncher. Destruction Derby Across-and do it all colors with up to 15 friends. Not only can you bang off and best other cars, CGA also adds weapon and health power-ups, making this more like a tredtional kert racer flexides all the regular amonhin'. players can enjoy other competitive modes like a hot potato garrie called Pass De Bomb Taking all that destruction online (with voice respond was a SOCOM or third-corty headed is definitely what has us most interested in this new Derby Hippetully, a publisher will pick if up for the United States after it debuts in Europe

OVERHEARD

"Ratchet's hands truly scare



mutant elf with really bad taste in clothes.

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LI'L PREVIEWS: A FIRST LOOK AT JUST-ANNOUNCED GAMES ■ Gams Boy Advance

PlayStation 2, Xbox, GameOube

■ Belease Date: Winter 2003

The previous Spewn games haven't been too hot. All right, they've been awant (Alamost so had so the we. Almost.) But that's not keeping Namoo fr trying again with a new action/adventure title that

Staf College 2.

SONIC BATTLE Release Date: Early 2004

Nothing cays friendship like bearing the hell out of es us, as its cost members trade running and imping for punching and kicking. You and three



PHANTASY STAR ONLIN EPISODE III: C.A.R.O. REVOLUTION

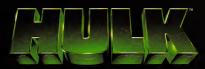
Release Date: Early 2004 he next ASD focuses on turn-based strategic combat using collectable cards, colline or of Sound strange? Maybe a little too Poke cont. really. But





UNLEASH THE FURY





Following the events of the blockbuster Universal Pictures film, troubled scientist. The Bruce Binner and his energied after got, The Hall, Battle The Leader – a terrifying villain intent on unleashing a releaseless army of gamma creatures on the work for the second properties of the Hall of the Picture of Banner, and unleashing the ultimate goiner and destruction of The Hall.







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tion at EA "The same remains applies to movies being made into games. We have to adapt the film in a way that allows for great. corrector," Eventually, Young hooes movie correct will be seen as a form of inductation on pay with how great books are turned into Oscar-winning films "No one looks at the Godfetter film and says, 'Oh, it's just an attempt to cash in on the book." Over time, movie games may farm into nore than straight adaptations At their best, those games may give room for film universes to expand and persist long after the credits roll. This summer's The Hulk, for instance, talk a unique story set a year after exerts depicted in the film And Enter the Matrix features its own story line that ries parallel to The Matter Reloaded "IAB our research shows) players don't just wont

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adapted from a film Fister's netw Years Feel or recently greated to held his likeroom to Capcomits Greenwich 3 And this fall, Jei Li is starring in Sleep's Mele to Macor (To be fine, He's not freque the bookstacer Bouce Willia PSI 10s Appossiphose, which showest that over the beggest extra comit save a subporgame.) Plany thinks we may abon see an intima of Hollywood stars group death intima of Hollywood stars group death "Since we announced (Enter the Materia)." willing to work with us at this leved," he says "River they used a convex," Tak's to my spare", any they say "Absolute!"

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to replay the move stary," explains John Heinocks, Advision's director of global coming attractions

PlayStation 2, Xhox, Go FINDING NEMO



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■ PlayStation 2, GameCube CHARLIE'S ANGELS ■ Ubi Soft ■ Movie: Jane ■ Game: July



process, Lucy, and Drew land their kneesses to this action game based on the film franchise. Throw in a three-way attent and write so there.

ADVANCED SCREENING OF THE REST OF THE YEAR'S MOVIE GAMES

PlayStation 2
CROUCHING TIGER, HIDCEN CRAGON
With Soft



Based on Ang Loe's art-house chapsocky flick, this game even has Mandarin delogue with English subtitios to keep up the artsy foreign-film fool. Seriously. ** Xtoo: PIPATES OF THE CARRIBLEAN

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Keep your hands and arms inside the vehicle at all tires in this helty high-new RFG packed with plundering opportuni-

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■ Exists ■ Movie: Out now ■ Garner June



By to keep with us: The Italian Job is a Mini Cooper-racing game based on the new Mark Wildberg remake of the Michael Coine original, making it a high gloss version of the PS1 budget driving

PlayStation 2, Xboo

BAD BOYS II

Empire

Heiseic July III Garse: Fall

Martin Lorecence and WIII Smith lead their
taleats to this three-person action-shooter.

While hoping the like "Don't have be
player—half the game" from the move

III PlayStation 2, Xbox BULLETPROOF MONE

■ Empire ■ Movie: Out now ■ Game: Fall This third-person action-adventure expands on the post of the recent film starring Some William Sout and Cree Yue-Fat. It also includes a bottle-arren multiplayer mode, with Thetair morely, the film was a most, which makes us winder if we cately need a game that mixes Sifter with The Matric?

PlayStation 2, Xbox, GameOubs HAUNTED MANSION ## TOK Mediactive



The game's set asside Disney's Hearing Manson ride—which is about to become a movie—and stars Edde Marphy, Na com't soure us. Edde.

We've already seen Pluto Mash. III PlayStation 2, Xhox THE FAST AND THE FURIOUS

■ YU Garnes ■ Movie: Out now ■ Garne: Fail Take part in street racing with custeriscable cars. The primary objectives Around getting caught by Johnny Law. The secondary objective: Try to under-



st (the short-lived TV series that ed, you can catch her as the de buddest bobe in 300's Street

EGM: Do girts just worms have fun? es; Yeah. We're not into

EEM: So why don't more women play the videogames? : There's something in our brain that

guys don't have. It starts at birth. Our parents raise as like we're percelain and will break. Printing spaceships or shooting aliens doesn't translate into the mind-set

one titles that'd get a girl in the mood B: The bed thing is most games and expedition That's not a farm-on March Server Many Servature or My Pac-Manthat's a tovorite, if a guy sat and played that with me, if'd be a large approxima-

EDA: And if a queser cleans up the old pizza boxes and Zekta trys? That's Box a double-maga-aphrecisian, right? "Cause if not, we just wagted five minutes. it: Oh yeah. Make sure the apartment is uce and boy boys. There better not be sweaty socks, crumbs, or empty been noon hing around.

EGM: Crap, that's a lot of work to do on a regular basis. Couldn't we just pick up a chick in an arcade? Absolutely. If she's there, she automybracky has something in common with

was That's the utimate insternoon. EGM: Would you date an out-of-thecloset hardcore comer? t: Some girts would. No. I'm afraid tel

never get any attention. Trying to pry you guys off Metroid Prime isn't easy Wt: Silfike one. Got any bot friends leto-the hobby? Cheats As a whole me're raised to

EGM: Siggest drawbook to being a Cord one all all sweet and protect while playing. It's like Tourette's behind the gamepad .I just get trustrated. That reminds me. A hot tip for you cave out there: Always let the get wer, 46

be girlie, not chop heads on Moran Kombal-style in grade school I might how, but now? Some...

EGM: So what's currently on yo playlet, then? I: MH. 2X3 is the top-fee for stre You can be a player from any teach start. Solts, and heat the crop out of crop with life in the

Respect is the name of the pome in

Terismo-style racer out this July for FlorStoden 2, Xber, and GameCube. To get that respect, yea've got to one it by winning rices, amossing a fortune by gambling your cars and cash, and wooling the classy tables (like Angelics here) who hang out at the recoweys, 200 says that these 'oldfriends" are for more then just show; they'll provide you with info on races, cars, and other drivers-and

they can also be (gotal) added to the

stikes when you wage

press start 🔘

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What It is: A billoutian version

of the polist-munching classic

Command, and Contipode are

Cool fector: #

cost-co. Pro-Man Missis





■ Mattel ■ \$15 ■ JANS ■ \$20 What it is: A reissue of the What it is: This writing, buthandheld sports games (basetery-powered Atlan 2600 conhall and baskethed are also troller plugs into the back of available) from the 1980s. You any television, letting you play remember. It's all about moving built-in oldies like Asteroids. the red LED blics across the field while riding across the country in the family stationwagon Cool factor: ** ** ** **

chirpy sounds got annoying after a while, but it's a small once to pay for the ultimate in Book factor: ** ... Yey'll be the envy of every oldschool gamer in town

Breekpot, Posq. and more Cool Setter AAAAA Why just EXCE to the party when you can SYOMC (as in Missie Conssand? These comes serve up compe-Dark factor: A A filion in its nursel form The There's a good reason those things used to be called ovsticks-that's particularly evident when you're twidding the and in your lan. Try not in net too excited while you're playing Contipode Save that

for uh "Grawter

Hoshin # \$13 What It is: A skimmed-down

version of the of Simon Says-therned game that was a 70s phenomenon Players try to menus the flashing lights in seguence It's a lo-fi prover to Disson Disson Resolution Cool factor 46.46.46 Smorts dam to feme is that it. was among the first electronic handheld games, although this tira version is unrecognizable compared to the Technocolor trying-pan-sized priorial. Dork factor, ## ## Good back impressing the larles with your Sirgon skills.

new that those dome wise. games have rotted your brain

Mos idea, oppresenting We doubt these lough-to-see LED graphics would'no been state of the art in the Middle Ages Dark Better: * * * * * * The Cay-Glo see-through plasto isn't exactly macho-we've seen martier Helio Kritiv cellphone covers Plus, unides a real accade machine, this, gizmo can't take a kick when you get pissed:

LI'L PREVIEWS: UPDATES ON UPCOMING GAMES

■ PlayStation 2, Xbox, GameCube THE HOBBIT: THE PRELUDE TO THE LORD OF THE RINGS

■ Release Date: September 2003 How did Bibbo Buggies get the One Ring to begin with? It wasn't a ratile. Serra's action 6993 The Aveoratella the whole bloody tale while costing in on the solid-gold Lord of the Areas Scenare in the process.



OUTLAW VOLLEYBALL:

You wan't find any pantywrist someout collecting here, just up appealing players if they black your spike. And, of course, ats of tiny sweesurs on the familia phyere.

















Runaway mine carts, blasting barrels and one swimming gorilla.



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WHERE'S THE PARTY?

PS2 gamers just say no to EverCrack—so far

en'y por l'éve par le sout éveréule en'y port l'éve par conditable acce troit their par conditable acce troit troit pour paper it de tour days atsight will no sloop. En a phénomine it shall be troit pour sout, une assué, and spouved malpho opprason pouis, suport presup, and even rest-lie neurone it southerné au soit but their treatment is southerné au soit de view. Encéderé chêles Advisorate let Pays bason à lost it ébous y the consoler So millon-plus ournes verchéeds usedit

help repeat its PC exposes.
That hasn't happened—at least, not yet—

THE DRAGO



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Con of the many "who's get the biggest sweed" contests you may see going an coline.

ness model is about Sony doesn't worry over the fact that the pame is new selling at a decounted rate. "That's really not a sign of fasiure on our part," faul rasps. "A big part of our buttness is gainte subscriptions.... we're really

If you're still hung up on the graphics and garmodey issues that many foult the gathe for (ESM's review scores ranged from 5.0 to

commo is now a fact of Mc." says Bell. "It's

only poing to grow in popularity

"We're really happy with the way the product has been received."

interested in getting the game cet there and 35 sho promoting the feltwark Adoptions " plan Self--and Sony--may have a port. Though the original PC EverGheet experienced more exploited yearly. Mark partly because that most harm computes were eliminary expected."

with Internet connections "Online console

7 S), fell says you won't have much to complain about for long. "The total game repenance is bigger than the graphics," he says, "[but n] anything that this team does in the faffuls, you're going to see a great improve-

ment in that department * #6
—Josepher Teac



expanding your horizons, literally

Recraft (COAV) persistant world get lagger this Outburs when the first apparation park, fundated fatter Aftenthere: Frontier, counts out. Briddes increasing the model's size to control to control 500, the pare will ledde exhausted character models and street, a may deposit more Uprecip war forms, spells, and enements to battle; strenning in-game maste; and a holpstoned level cap maste; and a holpstoned level cap istruction, improved communication and travel opions, road in-game on the travel opions, road in-game on exercise are plainted (as are, we appe, new TV ads).





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GRAND THEFT AUTO: VICE CITY

EGIN: Here's the opening sequent Kenry MIN: Yory good, Yory Aunty, M: Here's the crocked lawyer. that Roughs EGM: OX, now press Triangle, jump

I went that Lincoln! Where thewhere'd he go? Press Triangle! lies Hill: Press intempor I I am, Exeryone's watching me

this up here! I never played one Jill: Yea're not supposed to hit every-thing, Herry. You're supposed to avoid it. You're Criving blee in real life.

M: You're goena get a DHI, Heery. Go up to that guy. How hit him. Julian, helpi I feel like such a

retard! My brain doesn't fire the way oso kids" brains do. Follow the man. The mrk dot. Follow the pink dot.

What penk,...oh, that thing. First of all, that's purple. Whatever, just follow-Show me where the money is. FI

the money, Dt., I'm in South Seach They got money, Herry, Hit 'emi Co up and punch 'em' Walt, the girl on the roller skates, I nt harf Where'd she go? Don't worry about that—hit the

guy. Use the gun! Press Circle. ary shoots some Vice City denizons before the cops arrive and

ske the coding) Beled Yeah? You just lest your college



SILENT ASSASSIN

What's this? Haly? Yeah, I'm half Sicilian. That's where I learned to cook n my mother The other half's Irish. hat's where I learned to drink. 16 You're not supposed to drink IM: DK, wa're in Sicily. Your eborcter's a gardeset. And a till mas. III: I like that. I want those tornatoes M: Base to Stelly res

I was over there a bunch of times had to testify What kinds hit man is this? Whit, he's going to confession? This is supposed to be fund EOM: He's got a coasc

conscience. Direc a f""ing dozen. I'm tilling you. We called 'on zips: They zip in, they zip out. So I'm supposed to

is Go in the gate. Now hit that guard. 2M: I think that's the mailman. Hit the mailment The milkman? I'm trying! Henry, you're not-I'm running all over the place Screw this. Only reason I go to Sicily is





HIR: What's this, English gangslars? What the I''' are they saying? And Why's that guy so ugly? Like his face got crueht in the sausage machine Mt OK, that aside, how do you like

This is like that other stupid one-'m dying all ousr again. How do you dner? Ah, s***, wrong side of the street Bad snough I gotta learn this complicated apparatus

If a controller It's a torture device. Look at these ing buttons—where am I gaing? After the f"**? We're in Renektool

It's Landen. i know Let's kill some guys. Can I kill a cop? The Queen, is she dead? You have to follow the mission.

There's too much traffic. This is like the trooway-why would I wanns do that at home? Finish the mission! Julian, I can't even get in this car. Sow are I gome finish anything, here? This game sucks. I'm gome go have n



What kind of what eax are these nex? What is this, X-ratual? Good! Good crist! Where is this? This is up in Punsylvenia, right? Look! I'm fishing! Hey, there's a light Head the other Ha, the coming from here

Current's running this way, it's swim-ming upstroom. Probably spewning. They get prognent; they run more Wish they all did that. Ah, I don't stance catch a pregnant list. But I do ent this carnel

We can rest it. Ded. I'm not ressing that I'd be too

d...lemma talk to this walnus, re. At. f*** it. I like this music. Nice This game's for little girls I will master this fricker' game! I otta take this home

Henry, it belongs to EGN Bill mo for It. Call San Francisco (ESM's home office). I want this It's for little garls, Ded IIII: Girts, boys, whatever. Hey, I never hed a childhood. Greening up with Paulie (former mob boss Paul Varis), you don't have a childhood. Mr child-

od was taking a Molotov and throv ing it through a window You played games, Dad. If it didn't have dice, cords, or pis

tols, I never played it GH: So you'd eever played a game before today?

The only one I played was Bone. H: Uh...Pa Bong, year It's Pong, not Bong.

This animal thing here, this is the ngest live over been attached to a game. Julian, I could play this with your mother. Give us something in Dt. God. Can use go now? #6 -Alex Portur



What's this, English gangsters? What e f*** are they saying?



ONLINE THIS MONTH

Squeeze more assault out of your mech

Get your mech-cripting suit back on-Microsoft has just askled a second batch of They I we downing table entres for MechAssault find will make destroying your friends even more emprable. The bispost addition is a Capture the Flag (CTF) mode, plus two new maps—Desert Sterm and Multiown

Mayten-to with 10176 played a firstonline in the last TWO YEARS, VOJ. already know how CTF works. Two feators two bases, two flags;

storm the opposing team's headquarters, steal their Reg, bring it back to yours plost repeat. But that's not all. Two now

mechs. Lolg and Hollbringer, are also newly available. These similar-looking behamoths have slightly different characteristics like "branger sumps, Lolo doesn't) and weapons distilluration packs a flamer, autocarron. and Javelin long-range missile bettery. Lote hás a pulse laser, autocannon, and Crosobow short-range missiles). Let the rabot-on-robot carriage commence.

On egmmag.com Log on to our website and keep up with the Belimonts via full interviews with the Castlevania team and an extensive history

of the serve What you want more? OK you can also read of the extra staff from our Henry Hill interview we couldn't fit into the orini version on page 56. Extended online repair! And if you're really, really hardcore into The Swee, check out our uncut Attentionalitis. Plus, we've got interviews for vs with the designers of Legacy of Kein-Definence 852 Men SSK 3 852 Men 60 and

Country Strike (4000).

PC GAMING UPDATE The big news happening



or it is on PSZ, but yo in, this is soon not the big news for

No, the big deal is that Aut-Life 2

but Walf-Life 2 is going to be the Lord King God of PC of this year and the next.



must-hit websites



with "B"? Go to the Killer List of



tips for the latest games, plus hardcare message boards for any other questions (say, how to get the Verses sait in GCA Vollegtunt).



Surf on over to Gamy Rankings, a pository of review scores from stands of fitties with links to the full text (if available). Belimitely a handy



Face your gravest fears in an all-new, nightmarish first-person action-shooter adventure for your PlayStation" 2 computer entertainment system. Encounter a new level of horror as you battle flesh devouring zombles and murderous mutants





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PlayStation 2





THE RUMOR MILL

Gossip that walks 'n' talks



know, I know-the words "Hald" and "keller" have appeared together so many times they've lost all meaning And I really didn't want to use them here ... but what the her too late your Seco's working on iff The (I's spes are to be believed) an awasome first-person shooter so top-secret it won't be revealed at the Electronic Entertainment Fano (F2). I wish I could say more but ...

Sony enters the engine business

When the PSS bits. Some words developers to be ready for future shock. To help them coos. The company will offer a hage amount of middleware code-like a ceneric drying come engine, a first-person shootyr ongine. eta -- developed by its own studies Jink & Deuter creator Naughty Dog is doing the bosors on the platformer engine, using the bits and pieces if has from its secret PSS platformer already in development. If lots of games are running on the same underprinnings, though, might they start to look and

feel a bit similar? **Dororo** set to Wow

then you know that Osamu Tezuka loke the "and of compos") is the Jeconosa sculpsient. of Walt Disney thanks in part to Astro Soy his excellent series of graphic novels. Wall, Soca's Wow Entertainment is doing a came based on one of Textska's other classes titles-Dorses (try saying that one five times fast). This SD actioner follows samuras Hwikkimary as he hacks and stasties through hordes of monsters, while on a awarch for his, er stolen body party

The O's saves been that the next Sween After telle from Activeson will take a cur-

from the free-roaming gameplay of Gond Their Auto and allow you to wander the crime-fidden streets, coing wherever your web-stream takes was Tingling yet? Merger talk part XXVI How about we got say in five years them's be one software nublisher and

leave it at that, sh? No? An well ... the (depending on who you believe) have Namco and Sega merging, or Microsoft.

buying Sega, or EA buying Sega, or everyone burns everyone. Stop the train. I warns out off **New Pilotwings** Speculation abounds that a new installment of Nintendo's proade-style flight simulator Plotwings is coming to the Date West has it the oscillust appoint developer is Star Ward Roque Soundron maker Factor 5, though by the time you read this, the cut may already be putte.

the beg. Hey, don't yell at me, my fin-

gers are figs' on this column weeks.

before E3 coes down in the City of Angels Would someone please huny up

and invest a telepathy machine already?

NEWS BITS



ssan 2's silent assa n gely as Ament 47



ed to conduct his monthly ny of scuttlebutt. This

ome friends, your maestro of g's hottest gossip has nt's rondo is especially r and finely aged, its flavo ng like a just-hatched but like dropping me a line, send e you in another 30

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■ PlayStation 2, Xbox, GameCube **SOUL CALIBUR 2** # Sublisher Names

■ Gerre Fichting Figlesse Data: Avaged 2003

We admit that we've probably been spending way too much time lately with the SC2 proof, but we think the hardconwinds in Namco's Sourseries of lighters are some of the best in the genre. While no company has vet managed to best Street Flotter it's best storage, on account of their lutsch/mostologie. factor, a few Soul settings come close



Grand Polace tolctured, and Cambodia's Areker Wat terrole appears elsewhere in the topicament. Even better than SF2's workmanike Thailand stages.



THE JAPANESE PALACE STAGE: in the original Soul Celbor, Namce based Witsurud's stage on the real Takemotics Code, a water caude in blocks the not Ryu's, but it is dawn cool



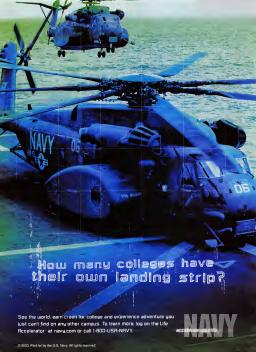
FINAL FANTASY X-2

M Release Ditte: November 2003 We know you want it. We went it. Exceptody

Final Firstlay X with the tengue-in-chicak field of







COMING SOON

Want to know what games are on the way? (Just nod your head)



JUNE
Aliens vs. Predator: Extraction
(Strategy) PS2, Xbox
After this, a Freddy so Jason celine IPG

would only be a slight surprise

Dragen Baff Z: Legacy of Goldu II

(BPG) GBA

Source Seacons source more Mos LPS delivery

guys in this DEZ folch quest Bookey Kong Country (Action) GBA DK was once king of the consoles, but you won't on one over his handheld complexes.

Presetyle Netal X (Sports) Xhox, GC One Mira with a motor—and McErtead comes in three are-crack-any covers

61 Jackey 3 (Recing) PS2 With 6,600 horses and adjustable mouth bits, it's Gran Antono for country dipbhere

The Italian Job (Racing) PS2, Xbox, G2
"The game delinitely embodies the spirit of the movie," says F. Sary Gray, the director of this summer's high-active heat flick



Mace Griffin: Bounty Hunter (Action) PS2, Xbez, G2 Rist-person shootsuts and space doubleNs

are a stellar idea, but it's nursing so late
Midwight Club II (Racing) Xbox
The Xbox version of Rockstar's street racer

gets befor visuals and wine-chat support Michaem Madeess 3 (Racing) Xbox Start as a delivery driver protecting prodous cores and tise to the resk of second apent

Guillanw Veilleyball (Sports) Xbox Guaranteed to cut-slet Tecno's Dead or Aliver Xbecce Boach Volleyball

P.H.O3 (Action) GC Heroine Vanceas Schmilder dispatches enemes with a high-caliber dance routine The Picates of the Caribbean (Action)

Year, GSA
Closey's douging its seminatranic managelina in WD-40 for move and console cometacles
Resident Exit: Dead Alm (Action) PS2
South the decision of a premise dilect skin with

lead in the light-pur shooter

Rathy Championship (Racing) GC

Compete in an international off-road niles

Rock N' Roll Racing (Racing) GSA

Ozy would lose this retrisks of the autocombot classe; if he could turn on a GBA Seldier of Pertane II: Double Beltx (Active) Xbox Featuring hit specific damage, this sadist's should promises unsurpossed ones

Social Pishall Party (Pishall) CBA Use flippers to knock Sonic against fasting bumpers and through ourkscrowing ramps Stansky & Hartch (Action) PS2, Xhox With a driving wheel and a light gun, you and a frami will look like docks obsume this

Street Recing Syselicate (Recing)
PS2, Xbox, GC
Use your girlfrend as colleteral in this extraaward two on understand mahazands.

Unificated Suga (RPG) PS2 Square's latest RPG is definitely different the just that it's different in a lot of bad ways Waterboarding Universited Featuring

Shaun Humay (Sperts) PS2, Xbox Activision applies the tred-and-frue Xmy Flawk formula to another pseudo-sport Warle World (Action) GS

Mano's opportunistic after ego butt-atomps and bull-rushes bacidies to retrove his look

Age Escape 2 (Fishlam) PS2 Like the rovel original, with more grams Are the Last Twillight of the Spirits

The latest Archaects a bagger stary, better graphics, and beeffer turn-based halffus Amounted Core 3: Silent Line (Action) PS2 Action PS2

(RPG) PS2

bit fleet one colossal bolt at a time

Chaes Legion (Action) PS2

Burgoning death-metal-band name or sharp action/solventure game? You decide

sharp action/adventure game? You decide

Dinotopia (Action) Xbox, GC

This prehistoric paradies where man and disc live peacefully is in trouble. But trouble.

Downhill Bornination (Racing) PS2
How developer lacog west from Neeted
Metal to dewrinill racing is beyond in

from Midway See Nine (Action) PS2

This stealth-based first-person shooter is se secret it's not even listed on Barn's website

K-1 World Grand Prix (Action) PS2 Boots in this squared circle involve most than just fisticatio—there's kidom, lao

Marie Golf (Sports) GC Fore! It's a-him, Mono Come join his friends and onemies for a round or two on the links

Red Dead Revalver (Adjust) PS2 Hopefully, this old west action/adventure will meet its summer release data

Romance of the Three Kingdoms Mill (Strategy) PS2 Play as up to eight different characters in your quest to unity China How educaring! Shrek: Reekin' Rignos (Action) GSA

Anything that has the word "reckint" in its name is bound to stink, right? Star Wars: Knights of the 0td Republic (RPG) Xbox.

We're guessing that most EGM needers will less toward the Dark Side of the Force in our number-one most-wanted game of this autimain (see page 76)

Tetris Deline (Puzzle) Xbox Want details? It's Tetrs—coline

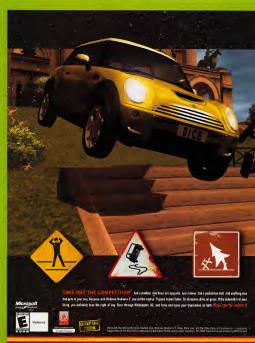
Tom Clancy's Bhost Record Island
Thumber (Action) Xbox
Unite the PC western, you don't need the
original Choof Records steps this action

Warship Gunner (Simulation) PS2 We now have a good reason for yelling. "You've sunk my battlestip?" in the office



WHAT CANPT BE WORN OUT OF THE HOUSE CAN ALWAYS BE SNUCK OUT.







XBOX LIVE ONLINE ENROLED

HOTTEST GAMES OF THE SUMMER

We delived through this summer's release calendar and voted for the games that shine the brightest. Now find out which games EGM's editors are most excited to play during this year's hottest months instead of...shiver!...going outside







It looks like somebody has been peting into the hallucinogene ever at Delrings Entertainment. but we figure we'll see how this 3D action-adverture geans perso out before obsery as indevention. Though After Entries hope an object is an immediate siteation-gradee, the character compling

attention-grabbe, the character-morphing appropriate the object (before) combos could end up causing the most commotion from the price of the common at full or a second common at full or gain vested or between the asset character of the common at full or gain vested or between the attention from the process of common seekith kells and governal assessory. The Time District combe experient further tables up traditional actice connections, excoporating the common of the common of the common and the common of the common of the common the common of the common of the common of the traditional actice common one to the common of the co











BACKYARD WRESTLING: DON'T TRY THIS AT HOME

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SOLDIER OF FORTUNEII: DOUBLE HELIX

The Storp, a present arithmentum respendence, as priving good receivy to wishout or selection de come limitation wielding belonged weapons. Meccanny John Mullim taken the job, lugging his doorn-plus guns to Pringer, Dalembas, letting long, and buyeau in this resident here-present activities. Each existe and right immalities largeage, no less gives the advanture the field of an international say thefiel, and online play we taken survey as sendence the deal.

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You're a pizza delivery boy, and if you don't get a gire to a group of foreign plonifories in the next two minutes, it comes out of your payoheck. You never cared much for traffic laws anyway, did you? In Microsoft's East non-PC Mictown Machess game, you get behind the wheel and speed around Peris and Washington, D.C. in a variety of Career mode missions (pazza delivery box. Birro drives paramedic, etc.) and street races in your quest to become the ultimate isne of the road. And you can hop online and race against your friends on Xbox Live.

TOM CLANCY'S GHOST RECON: ISLAND THUNDER

■ Publisher Ultr Soft ■ Developer Red Storn Belease Date July 2003

Leave behind Eastern Europe's dream sixes and head for warmer chitres. Don't get the wrong size-them;" be no R&R, just more S&D (that's "search and destroy," preenham). You've headed to post-Csetro

Duba, which needs a little help to eliminate its imporinc waterds and build a veible democracy Unlike the PC expansion pack, this island Russer is a standalone game sold at a reduced page \$39.99. It

includes eight smale-aliever missions, plus four maps each from the onginal Ghost Record and the Desert Singe PC expension. Play online in a dozen different multiplayer modes, complete with voice communica-





MITS Contro out of Cobs. year'll be

Ever since Capcom opened the not-quite-e-secuel floodsafes with Street Fighter # Champion Edition, Eighting game fass have suffered under the vake of never-enting nodates that other little more then minor tweaks. Evolution bucks the trend by giving gerners a substantial base to menmal bucks.

First off, you'll find two new characters here—Gob. a vaguely vampine-looking jude master, and Brad Burns, a slick balan kickboor with med dodging skills. They're both excellent additions to the rosfor end offer even acceptant players new challenges. The other big addition is the Quest mode, a wildly deep simpleplayer experience that pits you against A.L. versions of Japan's arestest VF4 players, Other improvements include faster loading times, cisaner graph

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of silly accessories to cus-



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Xbox Live players have been sorely missing an online arcade style raced but they'll soon have one of the best with Alichant Club II. Sharper vousis aside, the main adventage this version has over its PlauStation 2 counterpart as chat authors—a big deal of trash ballion as an integral part of your game plan. The battle for street cred begins in earnest this summer



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WARIO WORLD

Rolease Date June 2003

Nertendo has been oddly quiet about Ware World But now that we've finally gotten to play it ourselves (see Review Crew this issue for the whole story), we're happy to moret that developer Treasure (Kenuss Mischiel Makers) managed to capture the light platforming and officeat essence of the Came Boy's Wario (seed series, while strecting its own patented flavor of crazy. Wast proof? Four words latter down croses over.









CHAOS LEGION

Capcom combines the genres it's best known for-action, fighting, and role-plays in Chass Legion, a darker take on Dynasty Warriers' screen-filling molece. Inspired by a Japanese novel, Chaor Legion begins as standard stasher fire but hooks you with great revisiones fantasy-character designs, expenence points, and computer-controlled "legions" to command. What? Devil May Drymoun't code enough for you?







WAKEBOARDING UNLEASHED

It has been sears since Yony Nawk's Pro Stater reviwerted radical—new X-pames of every niche, from Razor scootin' to erotic blien', have nabbed a piece of the action-sports pie. So you can imagine our surprise when a sport as transpinel as mock surfing reade a spiech

How'd Wakeboarding Unleasted featuring Shasin Murray make this lef? Geneus catchand-release rope reachancs developed in lockstrp with levels that reasoning use of the manauve, reainly Apply THPS's infallible stant easiem to a weelth of multiplayer modes and minichallenges, and you've got cause to care about action sports again

It may look like a kids pame, what with all the cartoony backgrounds, coars effects. and clap-seeding furfee, but Mann arts ally plays one mean game of golf. Expect a version of the sport with enough nuances for lanks face (including weather effects. wed speed, and ball spin), but also pasies coetrols and the friendly Mario cost of point for casual players, plus link-up sup port for a forthcoming GRA Marin Golf.

TOMB RAIDER: THE ANGEL OF DARKNESS

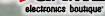
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If "well-known" meant "beloved," Lara Chaft would be higher on this led but too many Turno Studen reharbes have left us skeptical. What could make this one different? Appl of Business features niesty of lahorel curved surfaces, stealth sequences, bodypart power-ups, new moves and multiple characters—in addition to the sones' stantheir authors denistratives with Ive with the French backdraps But we're speaked by delays and still wonder how Lara will feel, ... eg con-

traiwise, of course











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As far the pint, we know little other than become Heather's rises as a malical are done Konami's hush-hush, but it hints that SHS; although not a direct sequel, just might reveal something about the senes' overall methology





ADVANCE WARS 2: BLACK HOLE RISING



When squashed-down army men and cartoon tanks clash, you know you're decidedly not in a world of #345--so it's safe for pocket generals everywhere to check out Black Hale Roung, the secured to Mintensio's bit is no based strategy game. Just bise before, wou're out to build armes, take over bases and lower, and wipe the county off the face of your SBA. New emprovements include an AT-AT-like walking tank, two supercowers per commanding officer to nor-

mai super one and a July, super super cost, a greater variety of objectives, sect man-specific features this messin sins







mans think of monkeys as sidekicks we can dress up as societ agents or baseball players for our acquisiment. But with access to besit-

enhancing halmets and a time machine door story), monkeys often reveal their insatiable thest for world demoyring. As in Ase. Escape (PS1), the superintelligent monkey Specter and his smap mining will crase turnanided from history

rment Japan - Release Date: Summer 2003 unices solky-haired hero Jimmy contures them. Luckely, he has a slow of appropriately wacky gadosts for the job. With the stimester, by hits distant switches or airborne bad guys. A radiocontrolled car lets him strenhard monkeys hiften and you or neess otherwise-unovariable floor switches. And once he has tracked down the escaped primates, he spans 'em in the Time Net zapping them back to the present, where their

thinking cass are confiscated. The notit analog affick controls his various gadgets, while the left stick deacts January manments. This sequel plays just like the much-acclaimed original, but has improved graphics and level design more collectibles and ministeness and three all-new gadgets (for a total of 11) Remember: With great monkey-catching power, comes great morkey-extening responsibility.

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BRUTE FORCE

Developer: Digital Amel
 Release Data: May 28, 2003

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As anyone who theil the previous Super Nichelda, MSA, or GBA F-Zero incomefors will fell you, the series appeals to most than just see fairs. Sure it has the subde control (learing into turns key) and quotamisable vehicles (with offley-

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SOUL CALIBUR 2

It's safe to say that Cah 2, the second certains of the warter's finest weapons-based fightic, should deliver with pure parache on every front.

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For one, it's certificity sharming, Globing Bogs on sendowey be statisfields, and speed larve trace swoods: trajectories. Yet unlike other recent go-goous thus in the genera, SCE's combat system is were more selectionated their the general appearance. Every agric move your character

executes has some practice importance. Take, the swords offer instance, have belood terror Take the swords outch the saw for a gelt socion? as the cardwheele bike a human hour saw, but if it me move a sality is advance sround fair freezing and strike from the side that easily matters. Both challenger's amenal boards men thin a handred such attaint—every last one develoty appropries to a different convertance, in Arch. Sel's so whe is a different convertance, in Arch. Sel's so

t, superful balanced, you could justificity cell if

supratly assenced, you could pasticiply call in chase on a sward edge. Unlocking hundreds at character-specific weapons that you can equip in versus play will weapons that you can equip in versus play will reach-head hours of the right, long after the

crack-head hours of the right, long after the competition has gone home. We've been playing the import wersion for weeks now, and we're still competitive hooked.



ing your clarker side, ignore his pleas and let him fend for himself Other choices are more complex. On the water planet Marson, for instance, a mon-

alvous beast impervious to your attacks quards an item you must retrieve. The eases way to consumvent this roadblock is to porson the water killing the creature but also torover damaging the planet's ecosystem. A true Jod; will take the much touther overse. and discover mates around the creature in action to presume the phinest. You conclude availize that following the light side is the harder road to travel.

"That's intentional," says Products Michael Gallo, "[This] fits into the Star Wars mythology that the dark side is the quicker,

eassor peth." Gallo talls us that if you make more dark decisions, your character's skin will even turn pale-think of the Emperor minus the crow's-teet. Your Jedi's light/dark status will





the sith

The battles in *NOTO*, case a m ctively control one of your character's around includes blasters, and Force powers.

also affect which new missions open up for you in XXXXXX As in the movies, the came offers a moment for redemption, "Around 7/8 of the

way through, you'll have to make the ultimate choice (about which geth to follow!.) Gallo says KOTOR packs both light- and dark-side endings, which LucesArts says will translate into roughly 50 hours of pamedias From where we're sitting, these elements make this title look like the best chace for your summersine gaming thrills Say good-bye to the sun now.





Remember in Empire Strikes Back when Darth Vader says to his lnewly handicappedic son. "If you only know the power of the dark side ... ?" Though I use never followed in his

dad's footstaps, we've always wondered what the life of a dark Jedi would be like and are pleased to report that the upcommo Aughts of the Old Republic affers the opportunity to find out During your quest to save the Republic from the exil Londs of Sith, several decimons can seav your character's moral pendu-

lum to light or dark. Some choices are simple For instance, walking through the lower-pty section of Taris, you'll come across brutish bounty hunters herassing a civilian for cash. Want your character to lean toward. the light side of the Force?

Help the poor guy out. But if you don't mind (or are actively interested in fact

















The games of summer not to your liking? Here's a look at many of the titles coming this fall and beyond



WHAT IS IT?

The Alersea monifeer might fool you into thinleng Senic's come bust out his chainmail and so medieval on some neg-stealin' dragons. You'd be wrong, of course, but this sn't exactly the sense-old Sonic, instead of reaming the Green Helis sale, you control one of four therned teams—Sonic Back. Rose, or Chapter-each with three characters from the Sonic universe. Each group has its own unique stages, stacked with multiple paths and mesons to complete (although we hope Store Adventure 2's helish "find the Chaos emerald with your radar" missions aren't repeateds and the always-connected group moves in a pack. letting you switch the load character when-

WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

Herses marks the first time a Sono game has been released amultaneously on multiple platforms. Aside from that, it's a combination of tried-and-true Sovic correctly and a new form of the multiple-character model from Some Adventure. Say you're playing as the Sonic team and you need a burst of superspeed-put Sonic in the lead and off you go Or maybe there's a chasm you need to fly over Pop Tails in front and use his propeller tail to final the party over the danger. Need to reach the top of a cliff? Switch to Knuckles and diesb. Now, let's get really crazy and pay there's an enemy fleeting in the air in front of you. Switch to Talls, fly over and tap attack to "throw" your pals at the would-be foe. Now that's bearwork







Defeator continues the tale of two vampines, Resid and Kain These sensuinary heroes have pulse a twisty history, spanning Paziel's two Stal Repres games. Karn's two Blood Dinon titles, and two systems (PS1, DC, PS2, Xbox, and GC) Together, their tales weave a dense fabric with more than a few loose ends-undependently doubtes to the uninfinited (or easily confused)

But lear not Eager for new blood, the developers are keen to make Dedunce accessible to negativities in fact, now as a good time to get acquainted with the series Rather than rehesting four games' worth of zigs and zags. Defiance briefly flustrates the lay of the labyrinth, then begins a neur chapter of the story. This equade delives into the underlying mythology of Nosgoth, the dark and velvely land, yes, gothet world





We should say, Hosgoth is the world where a lot more action takes place. Combat is the linchpin of Defence Both Raziel and Kain have a variety of meles moves, including apparent lifting uncernuts and areal attacks reminiscent of David May Cry. In the early version we saw, eight human soldiers three at once with his sword, then he raised

surrounded Kein. He began by depatching another with an underhand strake before ramping up to the hapless human and kicking him off a diff. He was already dions two more soldiers as the falling fellow's scream And of course, Keep

donk blood from the

last werrier's neck and

walked away from the

float cently down a 200-fact drap, while claws Both characters have telekinesis, which they can use hurl enemies onto guzzles, no boss fights, and zero story details, but what we did see was intriguing

gan now abilities-some shared and some unique to each For example, we saw Kash Remail country explicit a story wall with his spikes or arrost from into each other-or Our early look at the game showed few

Kem in alternating chapters of the story As

Defiance's bloody combat. smooth one-matic

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STAR TREK: SHATTERED

Dev. ShatSebere. III Ret: Sept 2003 Man an original Star Teck-inspired Sighter in this space-combat game that



■ PlayStation 2, Xbox LORD OF THE RINGS: TREASON OF ISENGARD

III Dec: Summeri III Ref: Oct 2003 This game is based on The Two Towns on-up song comitte much the sone And, like EA's Autom of the Aing, it supports two-play or co-op more play



BATTLESTAR GALACTICA

Des: Warthog # Rei: Sept 2003 ny as young Ensign Adams in this seco shooter designed by the guys spansible for the Colony Were series (PS1) and set forty years before the cansic sci-fi TV series. Geaks (Mor us) will be tappy to hear that you'll even it) a Cylon Ralder in one mission.







greatest awardsman and door of good deeds ever, a knight so saintly sunstane pours from his rear Or maybe he's a downright creep. the kind who would not a blind begger and Even use the stolen loot to buy a sword to stab him. Perhaps he's even the sort who likes to wear a checken suit into combat. while lighting off his foes with a trying pen Formerly known as Project Ego, Fable promises epic RPG action and a totally

mollephie hern. Gerne designer Peter

Malyneux has gone on record claiming

Big Blue Box are airring sky-high. The game takes place over the course of the hero's lifetime, sending him on an epic quest to find his parents' killers-end then on to explore the larger mystary of how their deaths fit into the world around him WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

What you do in Fable's world shapes your hero, your three different attributes Strength, Skill, and Willicoworl can be developed separately, in conjunction with

Carter, "your Strangth will go up. If you take frings a bit more carefully and use your bow and stealth attack people, your Skill will go up And if you use your magic an awfal lot, your Willpower will go up. As you develop all these things, your hera will slowly chance " Specifically, your hero's appropriate changes to reflect his development, a magically inclined character will begin to lose his heir, sport arcane tottoos,

and eventually be trailed by a silvensh blue

effect-a totally evil character will draw bugs "Files are obviously attracted to evil." Level Deviceor Depe Carter points out Fable's world is inhabited by (among othend hape rack trolls, pants-stealing nymphs, and werewolf-like creatures called Relyennes that can infect the here with brootheres It's a Funnese fairy take brought to life, and from what we've seen, it. looks corpeous in motion, the real-time combet and you-based spelicasting system seamed smooth, but the real test will be how well the developers can belong the need for combat ophors while not culting players out of the fantssy.







ARMED & DANGEROUS ■ Pub: LucesArts ■ Dev: Flanet Moon ■ Ref: Winter 2003

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isassin-for-hire Jack Wade returns with a with





DEF JAM: VENDETTA

Vendette is clearly one of the most unique wrestling games available. Here, you've got a wrestler that puts gameplay re pageantry, offers action in place of entrance video and prizes super-sized special moves over the all-flair-but isn't Pulitzer-worthy, it'll keep you bettling through to to finale. The action starts with you picking a hero who's er, and since your old pal can't fight, you're drawn into Story mode and struggle to get the girl (well, girl

BREAK OUP

ere's more than one), you'll earn cash, which you can stuff to unlock, too: new fighters (39 in cit), stoges, and even swank Phat farm threads, in case your

wardrobe is low on powder blue



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"Chests." Enter homislist to unlock Mike Vallely and other secret skaters

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Five hunters, all carrying wooden spears.

cautiously approach a T-Rex in videogene turns, this is known as a "had idea " When they tose their spears, the Rex nees up. It's pissed, and someone's coinc to get hurt badly And we're said to say that the red staff sporting out of the dinosaur's wounded bely and spraying from the hunter's wrecked corpse crunched between its

segged teeth isn't resphery jam. Peter Molyneum the brains behind such PC classics as Psyclosis and Black & White, calls R.C "the gonest game over "After votching butters out tem goert, smushed and otherwise divested of their lives in the most painful ways irregmeble, we'd have to agmit he may be note. B.C makes no bones shout life bong chosp and death being five

and all-don-easy. Call it the first third-nerson "existence is suffering" simulator for X2ce time, during their 100-rate journey to reach a safe haven. Mong the way, you discover fire, build settlements and temples, invent. new tools, craft weapons, and play havec with the game's environments in this fanfaction) world, early burgans covered with dieseaurs, so brains are the only way brawn can be beaten. Use fire to wipe

ealing the fruit will flee, as will the carmverse that feed on them; block off a verter rearrally by building a well around it. and watch all the animals head out in search of another drinking spot WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

All the game's creatures, from the fear-

some T-Rex down to the lowlest rat, will be influenced by hunger and thirst. In addition every animal in the same, save for one quite notable exception, has been plucked directly from the fossil record. 'Real creatures were as excitano and as ferrolines as anything we could come up with here," says B.C.'s Dovelopment Deector Met: Chilton, "especially the

Ob. and that notable expection? According to Lead Designer Ben Cousms. it's something completely different. And guite homble. "Along the way." Causins told us, "they'll most another langual. that we're not talking about. What we're doing is we're kind of thinking about a hyaothetical prehistoric past where men was directly competing with another type. of intelligent creature." It's kill or be killed when &C ships this fall.



Above left: Failing to run this glast gater's helly fast enough, you dis.



PlayStation 2, Xbox, GarneCube

Publisher: Uto Soft | Developer: Uto Soft | Release Date: Doubler 2003

WHAT IS IT? Ubi Soft's first-person cartoony shooter is

boord on a similarly remed French political-Itelier come. Think about the classic Sins Parality View and The Manchenan Condidate then add hand-drawn, moody string reminiscent of Eidos' Fear Effect (PSD) and come employees ("Barn!").

An arenessac with a tattoo bearing "XW" wakes up on a beach after a predental assassination, and is soon on the run from the FBI and the XX, an organization set to kill him. But XIII mell the terrors or was he trying to intervene? You'll have more than 30 levels to floure that out Bottles, ashtrays, and arything else you can pick up complement standard weapon accountrements, and players can use stealth, sniping, and a "sixth sense" (displayed in comic-style window ganes) for tectical, beady committee. With any luck. you'll see plenty of dead people.



WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

XV's dark, seductive theme is emphasize through its set, but the correct modus. operanci is action. Producer Demien Moret offers an example: "You escape from a military base in a cable car. You that think (you're) DK, but soldiers are attacking you with harrokes, so you have to leave the cable car before it crashes..."



THE SIMPSONS HIT & RUN

drive on Springfield's streets, explore but spots

HE-MAN:

toon about greased-up, muscle-bound men in lainclativ? Make on

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■ PlayStation 2, Xbox, GameDate **BUFFY THE VAMPIRE** AYER 2: CHAOS BIFFDS III Pub: VU Granes III Davi Eurocom III Rel: Aug 2003

this game, set as a "lost episode" from Autiy's Fith





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GAME BOY ADVANCE



Valve promises the Xbox edition will

have better special effects, improved characters and environments, richer sound, and levels from the PC sequel, Condition Zero, plus Xbox-exclusive multiplayer maps and two new solo missions for good measure. Though Valve excitedly notes that

Counter-Stoke will support Xbox Live for ordine play, PC players who hope to compete against Xbox corners will he disappointed to discover that the versions won't connect. Valve also hasn't decided whether Xbox users will be able access player-created content one of the most popular features of the PC game. Will Counter-Strike conquer the console world?



We'll know soon enough.

DEAD MAN'S HAND

Human Head, maker of Flans: Wisne Worker

(PSZ), is charting new frontiers by tacking an Old West metrl in this first-person shooter. As the double-crossed desperado El Tejón, your lust for vengeance leads you to myteri anad, bad, and unit Wild West-themed mission-based scenarios, including showdowns, police and horseback and train-top gunfights.



like the Legend system, which offers rewards for cioner play For instance, but a whiskey bomb at an opporent in an outhouse instead of spraying him with builds and you'll gain the ability to fire special trick shots, which are sure to come in hands. Also, Mary I we deatherstrives promise to have your saddles blazing.



VAT: GLOBAL STRIKE TEAM

WHAT IS IT?

You have the post to surrous aminus, SMC Global Strike Team promises to blend the strategy and tactics of Tory Clarics's Ghost Recor, the kind of action found in shooters like Halo, and Solinter Cell-style lighting and shedows.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE? The main band to the come is that works supposed to arrest more gang members

then you kill Also, voice recognition wai a beariset controller lets, you order assund computer-controlled partners, or you can split the screen for cooperative and death motch modes. Famest over 20 levels, including futuristic Los Angeles, Costa Rica, London, and Sibena missions. Online play is noticeably abreed, but Mosers will be able to download extra levels





SHADOW OPS: RED MERCURY

WHAT IS IT?

Fow first-person shooters could possibly

III the hole left by Alalo 2 in this year's

Xxxx holiday lineup. In theory, Country

Strike is one of them, Released four

years ago as a free multiplayer patch

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WHAT IS IT? instead of having tracks glaced around

the world, the latest SSX attempts to fulfill all of your snowboarding desires on a single lonely mountain. After seeing the game, we can affest to Producer Lamy (aPerry's claim that said mountain in indeed "8%\$40 bag?" Courses are spread across three seamlessly interconnected

peaks, and rival boarders challenge you to both race- and trick-focused events as you nife down this side of Mother Forth. Thankfully, producing stylish runs should be sasier this time around. "The core tricks have been redone to give an even botter feet," says LaPlems.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE?

It's curte a departure having one prantices mountain that's totally access ble without any loading breaks-and it. works pretty well from what we've seen so far. The sittale-player mode takes full adventage of the feature, so the finale consists of a 30-minute sport down all Trop intertwining peaks against your character's main rival. But there's still much to accomplish after you're

deciseed kinn of the bill. SSY 3 includes more than 100 challenges, such as hend planting a fence or grinding billboards And if you have the skills to complete these tasks, you'll gain access to unique character appered, includno new rackets and those oh-so-wacky Do

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mers, M.E.R.D., and a







WHAT IS IT? Devotating countless pages slices over the

years hear't slopped the world's most formous furties from cettin' back into shape: for their highly anticipated return to the gaming world. This action best-em-up has cortoon-style visuals and Story and Versus nodes, where mastering the katana, bo staff, numeroscies, and saverables was inmake mincernest out of Shred-head and his neterious Foot clan

WHY SHOULD WE CARE? Park in the day many of its oliminal rivers

massive coinage on the addictive TMMT arcade garnes, so it's good news Kanami tes, brought back some of those team members to advise on this project. "We agarporated their feedback and sweetengs," says Producer Kenco Nakamura. and created new features to make sure these games keep what was fun about the old games, but laist) evolve for next-coneration videogame systems." Too bud Story made only supports two-

player co-op rather than four like the nowancient ancade brawlers. But at least we can kneck the anst out of a finend in Versus more with northerin distractors No April O'Nivel and Shewider And Sear and Vendin ice won't be rewing his sins rap from the second 750V/Filtr) for the game



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CHAIN GANG















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Think of it as Morrowise Plus-Plus with

braggadopin This value-priced peckage rolls together 2002's Xbox hit first-person RPG Morroward plus two new expension packs (which were sold separately on PC) Fano approcated Marraway's 20-plus character classes and spowling 3D world full of quests. This existion augments that world with more A lot more

Bethesda's Tribusal expension adds now

corner weapons, enemies, and a continuabon of the previous story line, while the Bloodyppor sceneno spirts off with a new emphasis on werewolves, writer weather and the widerness. Newtes can play through Morrowood, fans can resume their provious served Xbox games, and anyone can bank at the moon from the start.





STAR WARS JEDI KNIGHT: JEDI ACADEMY

WHAT IS IT? Xbox-owning Padawars, peck your

boos-It's time to year Jud Moster Luke Skyppiler and lears the ways of the Force Jetting across the galaxy to tackle missions might make your classimates label you a teacher's pet, but at least your customizable character will be rewarded with pear techniques and Force powers dike Force Push and that blue lightning)

WHY SHOULD WE CARE? Unlike its predecessor (Jedi Outrast), Jedi

Acedemy's combet is definitely lightsohercentric. You can switch to first-person perspective and complete the game using traditional weapons like blaster rifles and Workers howcasters, but, as Producer Best. Tosh puts it, "That's not the way of a true Job "We respectfully submit that bad colffures and facial hair shouldn't be either

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Looking of these someoshots, you may not

late days of the 16-bit Segs Genesa That's because this new ass-locking V-man is more Mester Chief than the big pile of balls he used to be. But don't worry, he's still saving the universe from technology run arrok in this third-person actioner



about another 16-bit franchise pethno a 21st-century overhaul, But to satisfy our topper finger's uspe for carrage. Vectorrien will have access to an arsenal of 15. weapons and 25 upgrades, including Incin erators, Freon cannons, starblasters becookes, and propelers. (Aw. he's Ratchet

and Check) Most of the environments are destructible, too, so, for example, you could destroy a huge piler and then use it as cover while you plan your next attack



WHAT IS IT?

The fact that Xbox desperately reads another RPG notwithstanding, Society is posity intriguing it's an action-RPG chrone cling the journey of four herges on a quest to save their shattered land. Looks and sounds like another Jaconese RPG right? Wrong! It's being created by Climax (Speed Kings, MotoGP 2) from jolly de England. The art and cornectay design just have a strong Eastern influence expect to samp around among them.

WHY SHOULD WE CARE? Satisficians you the interrolling strifts

to command four characters in realtime. While you directly control one here's actions, the other three react to your orders and specific battle situations. Each of the quasinose huntress, wirardess, and awardsman characters is districtly different-and have different moves, spells, and tram attacks—so

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Konami digs straight to the roots to rebuild this classic series for its PlayStation 2 debut

By Share Betterns at

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per after him the right beverages) and they start spawing out like mad. We card quares the that any of these lides will come to finition, but we've concepted seens illustrative surveyshots just in case. Hote: We did not make those guess concepts up. Herest, CASTI EVENIE.



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more than a beserver berrage of arrived whip-pargs. You solve tricky pezdes, locate hadden pre-seguencys, and novigate pest some makeious traps. We treided through areas crammed with al swinging blades. We trod on floors teem Ing with deady spikes. We even experienced a basers, spendy challenge los calls the castle's "roller coaster." Trust us, you're not ready for it. Just as in Symphony of the Might, the physical caste here usn't is linear progression of stages instead, it's a complex labyristh of rooms and solkneys demanding exploration. Five distinct comprise the castle: cathedral, laboratory den, apera house, and dunason. But don't take at to mean this game is a mere five-level romp Each area is misserve, with plenty of places to explore and minibosses to conquer, plus a final

melee with a transe bass monster (known as an mental Kelght). Since this is Castlewania, the de ion't entirely unfamiliar to longtime tans, "I'm not sare gamers will recognize them, but es, some of the areas are from past games," ains Iga. "But you won't find a clock tower level hero, since mechanical clocks weren't invented until the 13th century." Historical accurathe colling card of a developer who really

Sandcastrevallia Despite its 20 limitations, Symphony of the MgAr ic, crrete visuale. Conveying a sim-

dar level of Gothic beauty in three dimensions requires a lot of work. Livreint's development team is feer times larger than Symplicity's, and storing the PS2's proclinities took the group time. "Designing a game is like builds cand cootle," says los, "You'll build it all up, but you come back later, it's collapsed and you dag for more than two years on Symphony and his team abandoned everything they'd created to start again on the PS2.

Though the graphics are crucial, it's still the gamepley that's integral to the Cristinanis experi-ence. So, before any regal evens mare mapped out, ligs focused on a betten engine with a placeholder character (a 30 model of Symphony's Richter Beimont) whipping his way through build-ing-block environments that looked straight out of a Methi Gear Solid VIII massion. Once the game-play foundations were in place, the beam sturted

It may not match the onsily grandeur of Silvert WV 3, but Lament already looks sweet-and in hasn't yet been applied. Much of the next six.

months will be sport religing the last environments. You're also being denied the game's most Impressive feature, since screens con't illustrate





whip moves with realistic fluidity and physics. A teran élector et stage productions beloed

from that of Symphony, I decided electric guitars would be cut of place," says Yamona. "Instead, I

"The first thing I asked of my team was to make sure the game is very fast and smooth to play."

old timer's way of thinking," says leg, "but the tirst thing I asked of from my beam was to make sure the game is very fast and smooth to play" Ign chose longtime Konami componer Michiru famone, the woman behind Symphony of the Alight's memorably morbid tunes, to create Lament of Innocence's all-new soundtrack. She brings a familiar blend of up-tempo boots and eerie classical beauty to the 40-plus tracks in Lement, but the music definitely has a unique

feet," (For our full interview with Michina Yamana, head to ogmmag.com.) The music we beard was stunning—so good, in fact, that Igo is considering packing a copy of the soundtrack with the game (as Komern 18 doing with Silver MW.1). On the voiceover front, Larrent will sho with

both English and Japanese delogue tracks. The English acting we heard sounded just fine—prob

TWO MORE ACTUAL IDEAS FOR FUTURE SERIES INSTALLMENTS

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fol in a music game based on the funky pipe organs, meaning character, and haunting abou before we play another Britney Spears game



says he's conceived a sun game in which you years. Rigors of undend adolescence include switoward candidight dinners at an Italian restaurant (watch out for gurlic) and the issue of whether to last on the first date Agen, are are not making those ideas up (although liga is no doubt haven a bit of ten with uni







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Algorities greenweethy wrising and acting. "That wasn't my bust" a soleline lip. "I was told that the game wasn't gaing to be diabbed, but then they changed their minds and we had to do it really guidely here in Japan." He preceeds to mineic auchally acted lines the "liftho are you?" such of Lambert, don't get year blood pressure up. "I chase to make the game for the PS2 simply because it, has the meet users," ways tigs. And since he's openit so much time building this PS2 send costle, he's not intersaled in moving to another console's baset. That does

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and promises never to let acting like that hoppen again

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ign's explanation of Clastivausin's continued appeal is simple." Foremest it's the purposity that craws people to the sense, Left the cost variety in mylotic and ecolorium music help." Not's definitely covered those bases white outbug that PSS Pro-introduction to the datasic series, and it should get both hardoors fams," and newceners' shoot beging this fail. mean lips in through removaling the halls of Castaveria. Though—and work lock is death that located right consequently and the limit of the limit of the limit of the limit of and the one selfs of the copies, "we work "there is suit another as years for his most lap-creating promotered another as years for his most lap-creating promotered for Castaveria." And we we approach for the law of anyon for check and we we approach for the most another Castaveria Control, Canadatey foil intertioner with the developers, Alexany series standers and proposers domination of subday subgroups frage.





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RETURN TO CASTLE WOLFENSTEIN: TIDES OF WAR

Mein Lieben! This is what you bought Xbox Live for

PARE: Europe, 1943. The Nazin' resourch on the occult yields an unstappable army of zombles, guntoping robo-licands, and lightning-handed pricets wowing stylish volvet robes. But undead soldiers can't mend the chink in the Nazis' Arvan armorair Amerikana cwith a parted of movie can hope down the whole shebons, Like Wolfenstein 30 (PC), its old-school namesake. Tides challenges players with enemies' transferors and obser mumbers. rather than clever artificial intelligence. Be prepered for lots of trial and error.

The story is compelling, but it's not actually integrated into gameplay. You need to read your journal to figure out where you are, what you're doing, and why you're throwing so many dumn switches. Soll, askle from some frustrating memorits, the smaleplayer composign is well-paced and entertaining. But Aldes is even botter with a partner. In Cooperative mode, procress comes at a steady clip and with fewer do-overs. Different play styles are

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And if you think hooking up with one comrade is tun, by blasting with 15 real people--- Tides is an absolute blast on Xbox Live. Team marabers of oil four classes must coordinate their efforts to succeed in the superb objective-based scenarios. It any clowert is lacking (e.g., no licetenant, poor communication), you'll lose and deserve it. But when your team comes tegether, victory is sweet. WW: Don't that if you prefer your shooters on

way forward while my horseful step-nets sowed

our bacon from Nazi ambushes. That's synergyl

the serious side-Tides isn't all mecha-Navis and walking cadavers. The forces you'll face in its excellent online mode are firmly rooked in reality. And finiting on those nichly detailed multiplewer more moles if all worthwhile. An amphibious asseult on a fortified seawall is infinitely more engrossing against live targets. When a silent plug harfs your squadmate into the concerting wire, you lament his loss—and feel perwisely satisfied

when you incinerate the responsible sniper. Add objectives that elevate matches above banal bloodbaths, like second New strongholds and extracting prompted documents, and varies out a game that is, at least in part, better than Alato.

MRK: Despite its occasionally confusing level lawcets (you'll often wanter around looking for newly opened doors), single-player Tistes offers a rocksaind game of good of Sastroned Naz-Alibn's sabsfring weapons, natural—and very oustomizable controls, and objectives that make your streightforward tasks (often just "find the switch") somehow seem more caciling. But we all agree that what elevates this Nor above the FPS pack is its online

aspect. The different playable characters and match fypes give multiplayer a unique emphasis on teamwork that's a perfect match for Xbox Live's voice-chat capability. Sure, I wish the graphics were a bit more detailed, but I'm having too much tan sterming Novi beach strengholds to really care















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ARC THE LAD: TWILIGHT OF THE SPIRITS











Book Cool intersecting story lines Bast Roter-conster difficulty level

NEG S: I thought the first three Arc roleplaying games were mediocre, and this

one's only reasonnelly better The old games! assudantizations bettles normally decreated into surrounding an enemy and hacking away until it died, Socky, Takilphi's combet. suffers from the exact same problem, but with the added borne of cours, uneven diffioutly. Once in a white the game dishes up a. particularly crucial battle that requires you to defeat multiple fees with one guy or protect self-destructive characters from herm. These stemethes, while cool from a plot

standpoint, screw up the difficulty curve and game procression, often requiring three or four replays to be successful. But it you gan deal with the source challenge (and I know some people will). Acris story is surprisingly cool. You divide your time playing as two separated-at-birth brothers who are down together by fate. and it's a reat payoff to merge their disporate tales. Also, plenty of suitife refer-

ences to previous Arc games will surely please series fans, Overall, Terrishtris a serviceable SPG just not a great con-6.0 7.0 8.0

At feast it's not: Six years old and \$70 fb;: Are Deluction (PS1



being a little rough on Taybold I feel the combat is unique and fun-you're not limited to moving on a grid, allowing flyid, free-form strategy And while it's true that some battles are indeed hard. I never found 'ver tradestern He's no'r! about the namelei-perspective plot, though: It's absolutely engaging. This 40-hour quest could've real-Iv used a few legitimate dungeons to copiers, but the narrative and combat alone kept me backed.

CIAL PLAYSTATION MAG-SAI While I have to some with Gree about the eccasional tricky balties, I guess they don't

bother me as much And Londard's doo't think he's giving enough credit to the combut-there's lots at stratecy involved. Are had me surprisingly confusted throughout. Mainly because of the interesting story and characters, but also because of the solid craphics and wonderful music, it may not be perfect, but it is the perfect RPG escape for these lone remover months.

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Kinda like the first one-but that's good



Bask Beginners, good lack keeping the bike on the trad DEMIAN: It you've played THQ's previous

MatoGP game—net to be confirsed with Numco's PS2 series bearing the same name-don't expect any revolutory surprices from MataGP 2 It has no real tracks and an updated roster of cycles and drivers from the 2002 MotoGP season, but perhaps the most enticeable change in takes that no longer sound like 180 mph ontries in the "new for '03" columns slight ly rejiggered game modes (a Stant mode rapiaces Arcade's an extra difficulty level: two challenges on each track that, it completed, improve your rider; and

ustable power-state sensitivity The tweeks are slight, but not a whole ict needed forms, MotoSP 2 remains an interes, unloopiving, but officialisty substying raping sim-and the only one of its kind you can play online. While the servers weren't exactly bumping when we list the track (before the came's on-sale date), we expect the same excellent racing experi once the original delivered—but with a let less cheating. Spanks to new strategically

placed wells that make off-mor shortcuts impossible. Thank you, Justice

GREG S: Yep, Demean's night-this is pretty much the same come as the first MotoG for Xbox. But since that was my favorite motorcycle races it's fine by me. I leve the way it rewards masters: Once you learn how to set up for each turn and moster the drop dramatically. A high level of rider and bike customization and goodly amount of attribute comb to be carried mean you'll

BRYANC I'm less of a video presse monkey MotoSP 2 all the same. The obotorealist visuals look amazing, and the Career and new bikes, riders, tracks, and wacks unlockables (like changing the game's looks with cartoon shadmal. Acade from the lack of a true tytorial to case newcom ers into the domanding controls. MotoGP 2

he playing this one for quite a vehile.

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UNLIMITED SAGA Unlimited frustration, tedium, and anger

Good: The music, the intro stone, and the FFX-2 preview Might Appeal to Fans of: Watercolor cointings of flowers

Bad: Fontastically annul careolay

JOHN R: The Sage series has always had a regulation for being a little different. with its extremely nonlinear stones and anarthodox role-obserns. Over the weeks the games have become progressively stranger, but nothing could've prepared arrione for this latest installment. To be perfectly frank, this name sucks, Unloated Sagu exemplifies everything that's wrong with RPGs today and throws it all together in one deluxe peckage for all to avoid like the plaque.

For starture, emigration in Sans is boring as hell. Towns consist of one screen with a bunch of menus to navigate, while dangeons involve you moving your charactor one space at a time around a point board. The line, eh? Battles are far too random and tedices to be even remotely enjoyable, which is a stripps problem considering how often you fight. And the graphics are terrible. Nearly every area in Saga looks like a cheap painting, and the characters enimate like costaways from the 16-bit era. If you crave something really different, or your name is Sepretative by all means, give this a rent.





SHAME: Few games have raised such a tetetal ire in me. Saar is so fundamental ly flowed that it's nelculous. I'm all for experimenting with new role-playing concepts, but uh, I like to walk in my FPGs. Sorry, moving my party like a Monopoly token through uply metaderacons lan't fun correction. The uninteresting narratives, demantile difficulty, and mediacon graphics only drug it further down A beautiful soundtrack and creative battle

prospect, but it's still a lost come. OFFICIAL PLAYSTATION MAG—CARY: Work, this pig of a game ain't fun at aliand really, that's all that counts. Saga is a lot like playing a pen-and-paper RPG using a board game as your map, with the most arbitrary, cruel, and spitoful dan goon master ever. Yet I respect Square for what it's trying to accomplish. This is a bold experiment that ultimately fails, but it fells brilliantly. Fant it once, just to experience something different. As a side offect, you'll probably appreciate tradi-

bosal RPGs like Fixal Fastasy even more.

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JENNIFER: This came gets no points for creativity substaneous inc. discovering set Tony Howk formula doesn't county. That soid. Aftersay is leads of fun and provides e one player drives the boat is now

that belichy instant graffication every should Like Shown, I decovered a new sense of possibility once I learned how to manipulate the physics of that boat-rape combo, and the multiplayer co-op made cool it may be set another Pro-Extrans-Sporter No. to grow that came before, but

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that an't necessarily a bad thing JON O: I've been an action-sports-habing

SNAWH: Set aside your extreme-sports bery for a second and Marray may actually appeal to you, imaginative chalcusmudgeon up until now, but dawn it if lenges, less leading a capitus orca to the open sea and ferrying stranded livestool his wakeboarding nonsense isn't fun. My to safety, complement the first-rate water Newk and Hoffman experience has been effects. Ot course, even arrangulately dered Hot can get moretanous, but look at the screens on this page and you'll see that Murray rides more than wakes To reach the riverside houses and roller coasters brackeling the banks, flough, you have to part with the horsepower that cells you. And therein lies one clever-ashell catch: When you release your towline, you lose momentum. To avoid being

mostly limited to writing, "Out greating or my raids, ye punk kidol* so thes Alexisderived gameplay is fresh to me. Messing with the boat's towage opens the Mick book way the hell up, and I had a blast coming up with my own unique toutling manuvers. Landing the right tricks to complete stages did present a serious (lenge—extrems wasses like me might want to next first. stranded and forfeibing accumulated comby getting your waterlogged and back to belies with a coordinated rose catch gives





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Grodt Makes RobsCop 3 seem not half-bad Bad: No solf-disdress button Prime Birection Run from this com-

his beby-food-auzzhing tellow cyborg RoboCop needs as intervention, Of chrome dome's first-corner shooter suffers more major malfunctions than an AIBO rebodog run through a districtable. It starts with a story-some clicke-factory and about a drug named BoarDoors—that makes RoboCop 3 seem like...well, RoboCop 1. Then you get the legally insome enemy Al., putrid visuals, crummy dialogue—the other reviewers will cover these misdemeanors. Fill lock cells the come's felosy coins It's plain of poorly assembled. Although the levels are the grimy kind of neo-urban settines we saw in the flicks, they feel slapped together. You just dick around for switches and keyconds to much the most area. Some doors open. Some don't. Even with RoboCop's "advanced" sensors (basically a filler that turns your screen blue!. I still out lost and resorted to trial and error. And someone really needs to calibrate 'Cop's taracting sensors. He shoots looked on bed gave rechesvely in their hads. As if these memokralis richell have enmoch oriet



protect innocent civilians, then it's more to protect you from ourchesing this doodle. Fifty bucks for what? Meetally baselcapped cremies, republic mission objectives, and some of the least-intentionally humorous dialogue over. One look at the pools of staggerd, disded malk that nees for water and you'll know what to expect visually. And I'm actually glad there's no multiplayer, since I wouldn't wish this peri on among else. Award this pile and go buy Wolfenstoin if you're learning for a new shooter. XEN-CREG 0: You have the right to

remain silent, dumblounded at the thought of having spent so much for so little. You have the night to blast endless nearly an-

mated thugs who wen't fire upon RoboCop. when he's two feet away. You have the right to shoot codes, guil levers, and collect keycards until boredom becomes your new best friend. You have the right to sing the blues and stare at dull, washed-out levels for the duration. If you give up these rights, well then bully for you.

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UBE SLIDER Who wants to slide some tube? C'mon, anvone?



Good: Volidies reminiscent of Wicky Fires (the cortext) ad: All the other parts We'd Rather Plays The original Wipcost

OFMIAN: Take States takes a currical wave of the future... apparently there's nothing better to do than race homemade ialcoles in big tubes at decidedly sneedle speeds. White other postago calygide racers, like Wipeout and F-Zero, try to entice garners with speed, sharp controls, more speed. and possibly crazy weapons. Tabe Sheer depart on for all that materiors life docsion, with shallow gameplay and a whole three varieties of power-ups (two of which

brent that, oh, allows you to turbo). But hey, Table Silder's main gameplay innovation, sside from the tabes, is a tractor beam that siphore energy from rapers ahead of youit works OK and adds a bif of strategy, but array of game modes possible (Tutorial, Grand Proc. Versus, and Time Attack) round out the forcettable expenence. By the way, If the future does turn out to involve tubebased racing, I think I speak for Paul and

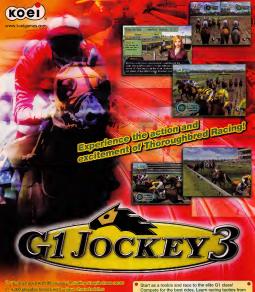
owe you a turbo: the third is an energy

Andrew when I say we're gonna be passed.

Sider is the NASCAR of the 24th century being tracks, boring cars, and boring rac ing. My biggest problem with it is not know speed—the game obviously encourages tabe siding, so why can't I use the whole tabe? And what good is the energy-radius the come devolution that is Table Shifer Seco's new F-Zero looks even better

GMR-ANDREW: Placed is right. Alex

PAUL: Begin with Wipcost Take away the varied terrain, all the weapons, the thumpin' soundtrack, and its steps' cool plasma-trail eshaust. Replace them with a furbo-stealing system that doesn't work like belicose fratbeys in a mosh pit. Just for good measure, throw in some week. techno and questionable physics. Bull the whole mess into a tube sed give it a name that inspires javenile innuendo Congratulations, you've created Tabe Shoky.



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CHAOS LEGION Rally a band of otherworldly brothers

Boorf: Building up your Legions adds depth

Bed: You four enurry types makes it reportive Sexinst Andreasmans Charaging Delagrois

N: At first glance, Chass Legion looks suspeciously like its hack-and-slash Capcom cousin, Deel May Cox, But in results, it plays like a tacked strategy game that places you in near-complete control of units rather then having you issue orders with icors and cursors. Commanding an entrursion of authorist-

and soldiers is bearly but tuffling work. Some of your minions specialist in combefing mechanical creatures, white others fare better assinst flesh and bloodso to existence the ecception, wor'll need to plan accordingly. Factor in artiflery and protective units and the potential for strategy is staggetted.

Yet because you do all this while contrailing your own character, in reality, you'd need the desternly of Star Trek's Data to consistently carry out all your calculations. Luckily, this inherent complexity is more rewarding than trustrating-spearheading your photons is always tue, even though enduring the demonium is the most you can hope



BRYAN: In addition to its lash visuals, Legion capels in two areas where most hack-and-stashers con't. First, it provides an ongaging story (told through beautiful cut-scenes) that least me on my toes bill the very end. Second, as Shawn said, building up each legion's stats kneps the action from feeling monotonous. Surv., some of the dialogue is ever-the-tap hokey, and the game's Sparen-like cree ters collection could be more diversebut these are really minor problems. I

can only hope a sequel is on the way. WN JOND. BRYAN Deskloer Cipron Pages 1 ESF6 Teen

corpecus, action-laden game worths of the nulescene name, Legion isn't just mindless melees-albes that grow with expenence add the strategy and RPG-ish depth that make pleytyne fan, But my excitement started to deflete a few stones sity of the end. As the bullenmashing ramps up near the too-soon chmax. The came rejectlessly recycles the same enemies and besses over and over For the few hours you'll speed, Legistr has "rental" written all over it-Shawn and Bry are just essy-to-please gaming newbies, I cuess.

for at times. And you can always revisit

completed levels, both to refine more-

graceful approaches and to gain expen-

eace points for legion upgrades-which.

for me, ranks high on this game's long

JON D: Dame was Capeners, for stealing

But bisss your heart for attaching it to a

the name of my butter death-metal hand!

list of ingenious features.

■ GameCube / Also On: None

ULTIMATE MUSCLE: LEGENDS VS. NEW GENERATION



racter Name: Dik Dik Van Dik Calt Even though this is wrestling, it's

or to put Muscle in the sens ring with WME curren. The slow, plodding, and rall wrassin' game is goed, replaced by incredibly fast and funously fun game play. The object here on t to our your fee. but rather to bust out enough over-thethat isn't a cifferent and welcome enough change. Muscle's cool cartoony visuals, ologos characters, and abound plots

improve: The Story mode is short, there's ne autoide-the-ring action, some chargetery affacks are now too powerful, and the Create-a-Character mode is low on opters. But I've grown so fired of the same old rever-changing "sim" wrestling comes year offer year that playing Musch is like taking that first breath of fresh are after a decade of being trapped in a bank wall with the smellest hole on Earth.

BRYAN: Hulk Hogan, your T-shirt-rippin" days are over. Games like Muscle prove the WWE's mentheads aren't espential to superior videocurre grazolina. You mon't be disappointed with this gense's highoctone pace, simple arcade centrols, and flamboyant fireshers. But, sorry CJ, net being able to pin opponents, brawl outside the ring, or use weapons lowers my conforment to the middle tembuckie. Even so, Masch whaps Wresthmanic XII's see for the Cube's championship bett.

SHAWN, it neither stars Ben Jeremy no longthens your wang, but Utimate Mus makes for a sabstyne weekend nonethe less. And son I let the outror tone date: unic after all WWF proesters wear their seriousness on their Technicolor cod peopes, too. But I'll take Masolr's same fic gamspley over the pointuity slow penday. Like the lighthearted numbles of decades past, it's instantly accessible and aniatringly fast. Sensie but effection evemore tests, and Muscle-heads will appreciate the trove of unlockable tows.



nagged all of those, th

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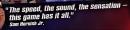
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G. FORD: Mario's unscrupulous rival Warro is finally better during the amazing boss battles. getting his big-firm consols break, and I'm dispiri it. First off, he's a cool character-Mario's goodytwo-shoes arrives just aren't connecting with the surfu. Grand Thaft Auto-lower leds of today, so a groutly antihero like Warie should be right up their aline. And to inject atmet conducto this GC debut. Nintendo emisted the capable action vets at great time while it lasts and is well worth checking Treasure (makers of Aurage and the cost Guestar

Herpes for Sexa Genessi, who've created an inventive, carried w-rich pur-and-turn mem As in a Marin game Warin travels through a wacky 3D world trying to recapture a veriely of dolichtful shary objects. But this hop-in-box miscreant jor't afreed to browl, pulverying onemen with his lists, smashing them with substying priedrivers, crushing them with his ample behind, and spinning them dizza. The fighting system proves easy. responsive, and inhabite, and it delivers task of fun. Even though most enemies are unremarkable, kicking the crud cut of them never is, and it gets even

Whele World here a counter forest, though, Offering only four worlds with two levels in each, the game ends for too soon. An ill-advood Continua system compounds the problem, letting you restart from the coact spot you die for a meesly 50 coins () had more than 25,000 by come's cody. While delivers a

cut, Just don't expect a Mano-cushty adventure. CJ: On the one hand, I like Whole World, it feets like an old-school 8-bit Nintendo platformer perfectly remade in 30. The levels are tight, fast, and funless about aimless exploration and more about reflex-testing action. But on the other band, I'm a little disappointed that it's so short and simplistic, and that it doesn't take more advantage of the GC's hardware. Plus, we hardly get to see a hirt of Warfo's innotely orll personality (or any humor at

all, really). That's torgreable in light of the fun

gamspley, but the game's length and super-easy

as it is, it's just good.

MMPER: I'm with CJ on the cool level design. but that's pretty much it. Wass's mindless punch ing gets and old and fact. Franciscs engages an quickly-move 10 stress and three double back and you'll gonerally find the posts back on the attackthat gummelies them gives you no advantage. I liked the first two worlds when I thought of them as a platformer with training wheels--just what the Cube kickies need, aght? Well, sort of About halfway through, the training wheels come off, and your safe neighborhood street becomes an icy mountain mad at mont—a perform former only

diffiguity aren't. Works World could've been great-

the most seasoned jumping-puzzle zealots files, apparently, G. Ford and C.B will ersoy, Plus, the Sercely announce bose hattles had me furning hading away the controller, and shooting expictues at the screen. WW might keep you entertained-if you like that sort of selt-flagellating trustration.



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Good: Chasto, action-proked gameplay Bad: Not nearly long enough Gartie: Replications builtly repols the today











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Still addictive, now with voices in your head

Good: Voice chat makes this the best PSO yet Don't Play With: "EGNohrows"-hir's grouply times 10

ICE Mediess, repetitive, pointiess CJ: After logging a ten of hours in three story line...vet this action-RPG has manprior versions, you'd think I'd be sick of aged to keep me enthralled for trulecleaned Ragol's dicturescue torests of draft heurs' worth of gamepley through Rappes by now. But like the other guys. I four versions now. Am I insure? Perhaps, find PSO so addictive and fan to play that but ASO file that intrinsic gamer need to I just can't say no-end this Xbox incarlevel up characters and Sed better and nation is the best vst. Being able to use paper risens. It does this particularly well voice chat instead of stro-and-on basing because of its sick graphics and conner. improves gamepley so much that I stwe color format (as with deathmatch require all future online RPGs to offer mic shooters, it's so easy to get hooked when support. PSO is precisely the killer map playing with frigads). Just be warned that XXX Live needed. See you online! this archition doesn't come cheer You have to pony up the bucks for the game,

MASK: To paraphrase Michael Corleges "Just when I thought I was out at ASO, it coals me back in." With so many weve to austomize and improve your observator (gain levels; fied new armor, weapoes, and spells; boost your Mag robot sidekick), this wildly addictive come is once again keeping me up all night-even her years after I first started playing it Dripts? I have a few: Some graphics still pop into view, and the camera in solifactore is atropous. Still voice that makes this, by far, the best version of an

already amazing experience.

can voice chall here, which improves cooperative play testoid. Once you get used to the signt lag, you'll never want to Phretasize with one hand on the keyboard again. If you won't be going ceane, pass on FSO: splitscreen (with bad camera angles and an incomplete intertace) and signie-player don't offer the same huzz

Xbox Live, and a monthly fee drifthough in

true drug-dealer style, Microsoft will give

were the first two months freel. It's worth

it-as opposed to previous PSOs, you





RESIDENT EVIL: DEAD AIM

Misses the mark

MARK if there's one area where this

exfert (ivi) shooter is mant on targe it's atmosphere. The undead shamble into the dam play of your flashbook is creeny effect stolen from Sweet HW, heads bob bing with certly realistic animation, Shoot them sust right and you'll blast combles clean off their feet, blood splattering and why despite its lack of storage boxes and (unfortunately) any real puzzles. Dead Am too bed fluit, as a light-gun sheeter, it's so for off the mark. The new steath report—energies don't attack until they see or hear you-is on interesting likes. but in reaction if price little technique

Actually, along with the fact that your mulaited congenents can't open doors or tandle states, it further encourages simply running post the bad gays—the most effective and least onjoyable way of play ing the game. Other disappointments molude normiteractive backgrounds (wir dows don't even shatter), precious few moments in which aiming or Siming is (despite a playtime of under three hours)

JOHN R: With all the advances in gameplay and technology that we've seen over the years, you'd think Capcom would be able to come up with a light-gun game that involved more than just shooling th same three or four exemics through the same dult repetitive environment for three hours. Dood Aim brings absolute)

orwinements? Nope. The ability to been off zombles' limbs? Not here. Some puzzles, or a two-player mode at least?

CRISPIN: Snore....snore....hub....whazzst? near total lack of horror in this survival horror gun game bored me plumb to sloop. I'm not sure what zombes Love Boot Mark was on because Orad Alm's locates are just so ... dead. Most of the bland corridors and rooms look alike. furnite much of the come into an amiless

can easily troop right post. Of course,

you'll get maximum enjoyment if you play with a light our, but the become and story are strictly low caliber, CK, back to bed.

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Grad: Awesome trible society Sonic Term Teams: Where's the new Mister come

NE No videogame can truly re-create the introceating mix of fleshing lights, salistring physics, and smoky back-alley sleaze that broifes a real-life arcade pinted capesecon. So all virtual ninted games should do what Space does here-ewesten the deal by offering tons of different tables.

minigarnes, and bonus features. With a bandful of unious Socio-thermed tables, a few based on Nights: Joso Discours: (Sega Saturni, and even a wildly fun Samble de Arrigo (Decorrecesti stage, ill'a damend near improvable to get bored here. Plas. in addition to the quick thrifts of the Arcade mode and the sizable challenge of the Story mode (beading Metal Sonic requires med Book depletely that John and Jen evalently lack), you can spend the rings you carn in a variety of zamy Casanopolis minigrames, Still want more gooly distractions? Link up with some triands and engage in fun multiplayer games like Hockey and Hot Potato (all with only one certridge, to beets. All told, Sonic keet my GBA hapolly buzzer' through mony bus trops and comes frothly recommended.

JOHN R: It's hard to get terribly excited about new piribal games these days, but of those currently available for GBA, Socio Panhall Party is definitely my top pick. Society tables aren't especially repositive but they do offer quite a bit of variety, and the gamepley is first-paced and fun. Also, the Story mode makes for a nice touch. threigh it's too tough, honestly, And serious pinheads may want to lower the volume, as the sound effects are rather desoporting,

HMFER: Sonic achieves a nice balance: With solid pinball play, it evokes memories at simpler times while still affering up fur Mtte multiplayer gams and surprising unlockable minigrimes. Also, I truly dup the socion' music and cool graphics. But I never actified pintal biss. The menu interface lennas you from being able to restart new games quickly, and the time limit in some Story mode stages just seems pointlessly difficult. Neewspards will be stack on that

but everything else in Sovic is good to go.

second battle for way too long-not fun.







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DK's banana horde is looking a little overripe



Good: County fans can revisit this perigented bestsulled Bad: This Osokey's characters me for the bib-end-cracle set Time Base Not been kind to this game's once-rid visuris.

C.J. When Dookey Kong County first came out on the Super NES rane years ago, everyone (including myself) level it because of its resolvenied "mexicond" graphics. But time has made &KC's narcetic visual effects wear off, and I now see it. as an average platformer filled with gunmicky properties, collect a than corrective. and some of the lamest characters ever. Look at the acreerations here-regreenber when you thought this looked incredibig? The coomics, with their car?l-be-

more-fluor-two frames of arrupation, just look richculous now, and the silly-ass bees es are even worse. The garneplay hasn't speci gracefully, either Most of DKC's levels. from speed inside until thoms. (Re curaway minecarts or sheeting DK out of a barrel. As if the memorization-based gameplay wasn't airendy annoying, the screen has been crossed to fit the GBA. Now, wor'll wrestle with ordain blind jumps and unseen enomies...enough to make you want to throw your GEA at the nearest wall My advice: Keep those ford DXC mome-

nes intact by never also no it assets.

G. FORD: It's probably better to revisit this Country wa nostalgic SNES momeries than by actually re-planning it. Resides the graphurs, which idesprin Cife whening still look good, the game loss not held up well. Sure, the minecart riding and barrel hopping remain milely fun, but you can only spell

"Kong" so many types before the theil disappears. There's probably enough fun here to warrant one play-through, but onir if you've already conquered the comparably fameliess Menn Advances.

CRESPIN: CJ and C. Ford are spanking these mankeys too hard, Yeah, DKC is kiddy has weak basses, and suffers from muy studied character design (although the

animation is slick-again, don't listen to C.I. But descrite all that, the game offers more variety than the zillion other me-too sidesgrollers on GIA. Nearly every level has its own buist-minecarts, swinging vines, baddie-freezing stophatts, etc. It adds up to a fun, challenging time, although the busy backgrounds make play on the backin GBA SP a ment

Developer: Rare 101 Bates Everyone

w PlayStation 2 / Also On: Xbox VIL DEAD: A FISTFUL OF BOOMSTICK



it Bruce Compbell's sporadically funny quips

SMAWN: Playing Boomstick is more exeru ceiting then having your sphinoter sown shet and being force-fed granes. Honestly, I would've paid to not play this game. Counterestative regules else several hours out of a single level but fall to create even or puzzle in infinite reasuss until nothing short of a phone call to the game's producer for help can end year agery (which, I kid you not, is what I resorted tol. When it comes to vertice strom on the eccomposing Dearborn townsfolk, you'd assume a sawed-off shotgun, diamondloothed charsow, and Bruce Compbell's canned one-kners would suffice, instead. you're repeatedly blindsided and slain by countless chosp shots. And if you didn't

back to square trickin' one. Pointlessly retracing steps of III-concessed puzzies and momorizms out-scenes I couldn't skip only multiplied my misery. Pay someone who hates you 20 backs to hide your car

XRH-GREG D: This sugar, boby, to oddly like Gen Sock Surprise-and we ate it so you don't have to. Hero Ash, no mally a kick-ass brawler, has been turned Boatsefick. He has to perform numerous dull fetch quests, but since none of the game's environments has a map, you'll have no solid idea where to go. Ammo and health packs are limited, too, ensuring Asl is only suited for either running away or dving, Duch, Half to the sting.

DEMIAN: I don't expect a high degree of behoughlify from my £40 Dead games, but when a zombilied suber-toothed tiger gives up shotour shells when kalled, well. the impulse to set the controller down and ortion) the name's major faults-but I'd like to heap a little more scom on the combat system. Who needs combos or more fun to run seray, attack briefly, and then run again. Not even Ash's signature

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K2: WOLVERINE'S REVENGE A slight cut above most steaming coils of comic-book-based crap

SHAWN: If as a kid you used kitchen utensals to letts carry over to the shouth missions—there's note the environments lack detail. Despite these rarely more than a single intended path to cer-

gasternine Logar's claw strikes, wor'm in for some biftersweet gaming. No other X-Mon game so fully restizes the Cotrucklehead's many talents or coptures the character's essential becossness as well as Alevenge does. I rarely tire of springing from the shortness to discontinued answers wealthmon. And while most of the levels are set in a. visually drab military complex, there's enough distraity in their design to keep thirds exciting. But several problems keep Revenge from being a stellar action game instead of a serviceby use of

licensed material. The boss battles epitomize most of the game's shortcomings: It's obvious that butchering superiors was meant to require Improvisation, yet the correct approach always feets contrived, such as impaining Sabertooth midlego. And long after you startify your adversary's weekness, you'll knep combating uncooperative controls, continue after continue, before claiming victory. The same quality-control probcurrent booky traps, and shedow kills, though reworded, are only sporadically necessary When secrecy is a most, the stoday AJ, insists you follow its hard-and-fast rules rather than showing any real creativity. He may be the best there is at what he does, but Wolve still has a few garrang lessons to learn.

OFFICIAL PLAYSTATION MAG-CHRIS B: It's a good thing I don't have adamentium claws myself-there's a good chance they'd have taken out a few controllers as I played Reverge. This name is trent ... but usually for the wrote reasons. I can't help feeling I would have had a much easier time gotting through it if the shootly contral-expectably nonceable during bass fieldshad received a little more attention. What's with making me swikwardly hold down L2 to stay in Stealth mode?! Also, while the game looks all

shortcomings, I still had a genumely good time playing as one of my comp-book horses-but it's by no means a great game, Leaven's dishard tollowers should olve it a cental.

JOE: A comic fan couldn't ask for a better stor has or cast of characters in a Walverine game, but unitive Chris. I wouldn't even recommend Sevenne as a rental. It's unnaturally hard, with save paints so few and far between, you'll definitely relate to

Wolverine when he goes into a Berserker Fage. Tin a profity even-betteered cat, but I came close to eviscerating my television several times—if a that frustrating, I was even forced to replay a half-hour stretch of the game six films, United There are good ideas behind Wolve's stealthy gamenby, but his mutget nowers are goodly

implemented and the game corners will simply stay you. Don't be fooled by its excellent produc-Son values-it's just beguited suck.





















BURNOUT 2: POINT OF IMPACT

Creating 20-car pileups for fun and profit

Good: Riskh-word system The Cure Fort Sunday drivers

G. FORD: Reviewing Burnout 2 for BRYAN Shame on me for waiting so le to try out this glorious races Barrout 2's GameCube last month, I got my first tasks of the series and was totally blown away. kemikaer driving had me booked--I I've always enjoyed good arcade racers twith fond memories of SF Rush for N64s. and flavour 2 in this generation's king. II jump-starts the genre with a vicious kick. to the tooth-on imperious risk/reward system that gives you boosts for guilling berely worth meritoring, though. stunts like dodging traffic, catching sic

and diffion. Xbeesrs luck out with the most polished Surrout yet, and a handful of boughtful tweeks will assains conv in PS2 and GC vets. On the other consoles, after unlocking three cars or so, you earn a practically maxed-out car, giving you no inconfive to use weaker unlockables. New new cars gradually engreen in various areas, so you'll actually want to check out each suppressive ride. The other big reprovement music. This Xbox revision gives you a wider soundtrack selection (some are at least bearable, if not enjoyable). Mus, you can rep

your own tunes into the come. In all,

this is the best version of an already

fictive expenses.

couldn't stop until I'd unlocked every vehicle and course in the sande-player compage. Multiplayer is also a blast, and the Crash miniganes are superaddictive. The Bhow I are sense ranions feature is Hopefully, a sequel will offer real online action (and housed cars). Wish list aside, if Ford's comments and mine don't common you to play Surrout 2, then shame on you.

PAUL: Surrout 2 will thrill lead-footed gamers with its awasons boost system and wicked sense of speed. It's a great come with some much odocs. Yes occusionally rubbery physics and an inflafing parade of recap screens after every damn race. Unlike G. Ford, I think the car selection remains weak There's always one ride that clearly trimps the rest. Music doesn't really affect gameplay, but the Xben's ability to play the Procs (or even Possani while vog compete is a nice didition to this swift arcade races.

















■ Game Boy Advance / Also On: None **VANCE WARS 2:**











Good: The Comprise mode now has much more walets Hardware: The first continued. Noythins need not onlist

HOE This war is one heliuve mixed beg. Votsrans from the first AW will be a little disappointed that the designers poured all of their energy into making the Compaign mode more interesting and almost once into making new units, which would greatly spice up the gameplay. How hard would it have been to no off ideas from any other strategy title, like burrowing tanks or demolition crews? As it is, the déjà vu in AW2 hits you like a 40-me gaton bomb.

Even the new welfone tank unit and superpowers don't freshen up the congrience, by AW2 meant more for first timers, then? Luckily, that Compaign mode is one fantastic peace offence. Fans will die the risage wright-from ropicson volcanous to objectives involving pocket-sized weapons of mass destruction, and more. The later staces are tough, though—so tough that you really have to play through

them with the exact strategic plan the designers had in mind, you almost feel like a rat in a brain-stumping mass. Halfway through AM2 nonhardcore players will give up and on AWOL.

8.0 8.0 8.5

BRYAN: Shor's dead-on about how little

has changed from the first AW. The sequel packs the same simple visuals and strategy system, but I think the rewarding gameplay's even better this first around Trust me when I say you'll work your noods overtime commanding troops and plotting the best routes to sepre onemy bases. Diverse mission objectives spice up solo play, and challenging (and usually losing to) strategy games like Stop in multiplayer still rocks. Matery analysis predict that AW2 is should to provide my personal GRA library.

JOE: It you loved Advance Wars, you need to play Advance Wars 2, and if you missed the bed come, this is a great place to start it's incredibly fun and superaddictive. Be warned, though, it's hard And I mean hard to the point where if you make one wrong

move, it might be best just to start a round completely over Still, it's very worth the senous time and effort you'll invest plowing through its trictical deaths. Just be prepared to ignore work, school, and loved costs for autille. A lone white Publisher Nistende

Players: 1-4 (Link or Hot Seat) FSSS, Function











This ailing beast needs a trip to the vet



Bad: Jecov the Bat is country PAUL: Contrary to its name. Sloody Son fatween it asseme, mention, and mild. As in the senes' previous games, fighters

begin as humans and transform into feral boasts medbout to tear each other apart by stylistic and technical tailries First off, you'll find a particularly motley med embarrassing once of brawlers here The Charmeleon, Rabbit, and Cat-girl look downight riciculous rest to more tooth-

some competitors like the Wolf and Llon. And why include leasers like the Mole and the insect before return's better highters? ust ain't fun. It's so sample that even cope rienced players fare better pounding one button than trying to execute comb reversals, I had Kerath Charge (NES) Southering when my characters rehead to tace their opponents. The lack of moves lists in Training mode, aboundly cheap A.I.

conords, and dull arongs make SRX eve harder to erroy. Even the tyles for whom I'v intended should avoid this shorebles

SHAWAE Why visit this unaccredited zo medicarity when you can got more satisfy ing thrits from the non-furry stars of AGAS or the upcoming Soul Caldur #7 BRY's sickly critters are so skoon that strategy is mool - pecking a single buffor produces seven-hit strings, shoddy aclestegging results in besits that bore more back than tang, and throws skip jarringly into preset from arenals, but where's the ferocity and quite? Bloody Roor's keepers best clean this code quick if they want any visitors.

GAMEROW - SISSE-X: Lam usually at peace in the world of bessts, but 897 is nething else ordirely. Its quoty characters and lackfuster environments cale compared

to those in other Xbox Solvers. And the senplistic betton mashing combat mocks the natural ferceity, grace, and patience that my real-life animal blends once channeled into my deadly mentis staros. Infected by SRX's medicathy floor move in large, gradulable ways, and require meeths of meditation and



DRAGON BALL Z: LEGACY OF GOKU II

LEGACY OF GOKU II



Good: Play as five of the most popular DRZ characters. Bask Too much mindom windowing and boring lighting. Drewers then Trunks, Android, and Cell stiges.

C.Jr. Like its predecessor, Laguery of Goky N has a lot going for it-empressive visuals. a depent soundback, and bestigade of belowed GS characters that will on doubt ordear it to the Ziterricore. But underneath the surface, it suffers from a few annoving problems. For starters, while this is a longer nuest than the original / exact, its length is mostly due to beeng to level upwa lots of repetitive, random battles. Would a Savan warrior the Piccolo mally spend half an hour killing weedland creatures to gain emerience? I doe't think so And the combat starks-attacks often look like they're striking the air, yet they shill somehow moreast to connect. Rub! Padding out the gameplay even further is a boatload of letch sarests, like the unbelievably complicated task of getting Goban gast a growd of people, which involves finding a sand-

with, a newspaper, an arrigue record, and

perade. How walt ... couldn't Gohan just, va.

know, ily over? Unless you're a huge DBZ fan already, you'll probably want to skip

this Legacy.

a crashed school bus in order to start a

SHAWN: Why are Super Saryons running

analizes armotor for every schemack they consulted? Feety relative spearchered to biological purispersitive and exocut hood in time to counting speak analize the world. And if I mostly do possess the power to armitistion which plantais, who possess the power to armitistion whose plantais, who possess the power to armitistion whose plantais and possess the power to stray do possess the power to stray do possess the power to the possess the power to the possess that the power to the possess that the power to the possess that the power to possess the possess that the power to possess the possess that the power to possess the possess that the possess that purchase and problem ringest control guarantee to the purchase the possess that the possess the possess th

2008 It Dispite its numerous from and includedly short length. I sensetive managed not to utterly despise the first Ligacy gazer. This sequel is defaultly better, pit it still serfices from many of this same burdimental problems. Meet mobility, the shootly his despitem reades (printing semines lighby flusiarity), the thoughout sold, the oppotion of the seminestimate of the protriol meets better. As a DRZ PRVIII settlers, but doesn't protrictally impress.

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REVIEWS WRAP-UP



in addition to the games our Green pladged this mouth, a few other titles will steatibly come coin store skelin in the consing weeks. We had a chan to sheek them out, but due to spacecomes, and the mysterious power of sumports we weren't abids to give to that reviews. Rev's a saids kelok.

Chessmaster

First eff, we've always leved the Chessmader himself—the wid-eyed habo whose face has greated every Chessenarier box since we were young, the 'a slauring architege for every filting systep you see piging since loses. Uh Satta PSZ game is defentely worthy of the may be a three blacker's 30-oriented pieces, online play, and subclage from a



Shrek Super Party
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High Heart MLB Baseball 2004 Since the PS2 and blow versions of 3010 Mgh Meat meked as cer thrombs harchall sims this year, sering placed to announce that their tarrip Cable couses is pad as year. Nor II have to look pad the sightly lame visuable, but the assessme gamplay and bettamiess statebased depth rasks at the seniors breafted from bett both.

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contractively obligated to feature of items one hass-maning size. And Keet's 61 Jackey 2 for PS2 is seen a 11th pib better than last mouth's dietip Sizer, siece 61 lass over 4,000 unaged harsoot Sertically, check in set if you dig the harses. Also, a tow games we expected to review seen made it to the party. Enter the

Models, The Halfs, and Beeth Raiders Angel of Barkanses all foliose to armon there for adjoinnt. They'll all to eat by the time you read this (seel, except Temb Raider). The Halk and Matrix publishers clared that move copies weren't armilable because they comising sensitive more assets, so you'll be brooking lab the universe if you lay down the cabil.

Meanwhile, Lara Croft's true fate mension enthrole stroughed in medicine



III (Left is right) The Ghessmanter will take your queen and your wallet, don't ESST for Shesk's Party; and GI Jackey fulfills your wildest equien fastacies.





REVIEW ARCHIVE

A second look at notable releases from days gone by

Jack Part 2: Mutation	PS2 (Also On: None)	65, 65, 8.0		Dead or Alive: Xfreme Beach Volley	ybeit	- 10
 An average RPG with a nest con 	cept-gau play at a virtual or	time world gone	n berserk	XB (Also On: None)	75,80,60	
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Auto Modellista	PS2 (Alto On: None)	50.55.70		■ Budokin stands above any of the p	creases attempts to turn the	series into a fol
Crappy handing runs a gorgeou	s-looking online racer					
				Dragon Ball Z: Ultimate Battle 22	PS1 (Also On: None)	20.15.20
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				Dynasty Warriors 4	PS2 (Also On; None)	75.70.85
BMX XXX	X8 (Also Or: P52, GC)	25.30.35		Chase warteres in obscure setting		
■ Less about strippers than it is all	out maken you play a stroop	ed-down Green	Mass close			
				EverQuest Online Adventures	P52 (Also Or: None)	75.50.60
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The sequel to this arcade racer t			nel			
				The Getreery	PS2 (Also On: Noon)	75.60.80
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 Xbox Live is the real draw in this 						
				Godzilla: Destroy All Monsters Neb	ne GC (Mon On: 108)	7.0.7.0.7.5
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■ With its excellent soul-steeling s					A SHOW OF THE PARTY OF THE	
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	EverQuest Online Adventures	P52 (Also Os: Nons)	7.5, 5.0, 6.0	
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	Grand Theft Auto: Vice City	PS2 (Also On: Nose)	10, 10, 10	Platin
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	High Heat Baseball 2004	P52 (Also On: XB, GC)	9.0	Gold
	■ The most realistic baseball sum on	the market—period		
	Hitman 2	PS2 (Also On: XB, GC)		Gold
	■ With elements from MGS and Misc			wore
	The House of the Good III Nothing new will shock you in this	XB (Also Or: None)		
	■ NOOTING THEW WITH SHOOK YOU IT DES	HATTHURE ZERIORE MINUSES,	001 113 331 900) IEII
	Ikaruga	GC (Also On: None)	8.5, 8.0, 8.0	Silver
	■ One incredibly resovative, wicked	addictive shooter		
	Indiana Jones & the Emeror's Ton	eb XB (Also On: PS2)	55.85.85	
	Looks like Ms. Craft has some con	specifion raiding formes		
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ă.	Lagends of Wrestling II More like local-access television b	GC (Also On: P52, XB) han Montherpassis down	vus thrators	
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ĸ.	Legend of Zolda: The Wind Waker		9.5, 10, 10	
а	■ GC owners can't go wrong with Ze	ilde's gargeous cartoon vis	uais and classic	gamept
ш	Magic Pengel: The Quest for Color	PS2 (Also Os: Nose)	75.80.75	
ш	■ Homewade moneters add color to	nundane bettles		
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ı	The last great war makes for a gre			
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g.	MLB Slugtest 20-64 Tons of multiplewer fun, but don't e	PS2 (Also On: XB, GC)	8.0, 7.0, 6.5	
	m sees or multipleyer fun, but don't e	supect one depth of a basel	OCH SITE	
1	Midnight Club II	PS2 (Also On: XB)		Silver
1	As unrelenting sense of speed and	total disregard for realists	physics	
1	NBA Street Vol. 2	P52 (Also On: XB, GC)		
п	NDA SCREET VO. 2	roz (reso OE: AB, GC)	90, 95, 85	DINE

A mox of both new- and old-school flova makes this baller a rocker' sequel

Most beautiful on-reals shooter imaginable, with a vast trive of amoung secrets

XB (Also On: None) 9.0, 8.5, 9.0 Silver

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Pokemon Ruby and Sapphire	68A (Also On: None)	7.5, 6.5, 7.5
Pikachu and pals are back, but j	precious little has improved so	nce Gald/Silver
Primal	PS2 (Also On: None)	6.5, 6.5, 8.0
A beautiful, interesting advertise	e kanda compensates for crop	combat
Shinobi		
Slick basses and perfect control	thrill, but the extreme difficul	ity outs like a 3-fact Sinsu
The Sims	PS2 (Also On: XS, GC)	9.5, 8.5, 8.0 Silver
■ Virtual scap-opera teems with in	movation and freedom	
Sides of Arcadia Legends	GC (Miso On: None)	9.0, 9.5, 9.0 Gold
■ This phenomenal skylaring ques	t is the GC's role-playing savi	or
Star Wars: The Clone Wars	XB (Also On; PS2, GC)	7.0.7.0.6.5
Crime support puts this prettier	version a few parsecs beyon	d its PS2 and Cube cousins
Tao Feng: Fist of the Lotus	XB (Also On: None)	4.0, 6.0, 3.5
■ Ineffective blocking and generic	characters do not a quality fa	ghter make
Tenchus Wrath of Heaven	PS2 (Also On: None)	75,70,70
■ Ninjas rack, but somehow a lack	duster story and hombly step	id A1 sneck in

■ Team-based online sound combat and Xbox Live's first nearly killer app Tom Obroce's Solinter Cell GC (Also On: PS2, Xbost 8.5, 9.5, 9.0 Gold ■ The GBA radar is a more addition, but Sam Fisher isn't as pretty on the purple purse War of the Monsters PS2 (Nso On: None) 9.5, 6.5, 7.0 Manages to make the woofully underrepresented moreter penre fun XB (Also On: PS2) 8.0, 8.0, 8.0 Steer World Series Baseball 283

XB (Also 9n: PS2, GC) 8.0, 7.5, 8.0

■ WSB stands cut with countless customization options and first-rate player models World Soccer Winning Eleven 6 Int. PS2 (Also On: None) 9.0 ■ Can the natural-feeling secon sim take 2003 Sports Game of the Year?



Tom Clancy's Ghast Recon

Xenosaga: Episode 1 PS2 (Also Orc None) 8.0, 8.0, 6.5 The don't so much play this FPG as wetch its leady plot unfold in hours of out-scenes. Zone of the Enders: The 2nd Runner PS2 (Also Orc None) 75,90,85 Eve-popping pandemoreum with a hairy



2	Final Fantesy X	9.0, 9.5, 9.5
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		d the threat of Sin (and found leve in
	process) before she takes	penter stage in FFX-2

3		8.5, 7.5, 9.0 Silver reling mind is quite disturbing, and it a
	features some dann impre	ssive fog
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PS2 (Also Orc XB, GC)	
This precious movie-based beat-em- jeckhammering	up goes beyond randor

6	SOCOM: U.S. Ravy Seats	9.0, 9.5, 9.5
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	Barlong orders at year numbers	ill partner Boomer is all righ

7	Ratchet & Clank	80, 80, 90
Ė	Ratobet & Clank PS2 SI Rotchet and his robet sideki action continuor	her Ik wield goefsall weapers in this far

8 20	10, 10, 10 Platinum
Sickenly smort A sof the standard	5, oplendid scripting and immaculate multiplayer for first-person shooting

9	Grand Terismo 3 A-Spec	10, 10, 10
İ	Self-respecting speed that his lond fathers no belt untightened	on on this consummate racing skm

Super Nario Advance 2	3.0, 3.0, 3.0
	fices that started your SMES contridge
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tricks of the trade

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Nexts with embedded Galling guts? Return to Could Wallandton, Need some help pleying Walf on Xbax Live? I'm your new drill surgeant. megasts! Jest don't freek out in the unfolding of the pright and cheed mawith rifle named Sharlens, morkay? -Cavid S. J. Hodgson tricked a Widewis com

old-school fools

Our listerination about do-babrication the ladies of DDG: Young Brach Volleybell cerned us some extreme ill will Man some of our maders were can hold a prudge. With death threats still coming in, we wandered how our letest torrifoolery, ehern, stacks up to EGM tricks of yesteryear. Get 117 Stacks? Never mind, Which was your brearite EGM April Foois' Trick?



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TRICKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PRIMA GAMES These strategies for Minthussian New Obl and MSA Street Vol. 2 were hand: arched from a bourtages crop of secondard strategy-peads fruit. For more successed and nutritions hints, look for

RETURN TO CASTLE WOLFENSTEIN

Get entine and get killing, flut how? If thing cise, remember enbur of the teem, not as an inc idual. This means, for That'e not fen for as

le tricks that'll make you as so om from the get-go; H you is, arm yourself with the

turi, promptly serve 'ers a lead edic. Follow year more able teammates and provide

ori entil you learn your way co yoe have your boarings, it's to specialize. Try each class to see what saits you. Whichever you choose, see your special shilltles to help your am attain violery. Here's how



A specialist in all types of armament, the icher can choose any weapon. He should always be in the thick of the frag covering e strategic location or detending a cruciel objective. In addition to wielding weapons starts with the most errorantion (except for grandes). Because he constantly engages the enerty, however, his ammo supply and health need regular replenishing. Back him up with a Medic and a Liguranna. The following strates eke the Soldier even more eth

Aim for the head. One or two headshels are worth helf a clip of body shots.

Cell for emma end health. Press Left on the D-ped for medical attention, Right to plead for errors from the Lieutenant.

Cover objectives. Soldiers pack a lef more host than other classos. Use it for important jobs, like guarding or associting from objectives.

Seipe. Use the Mouser to assist teen members from a distance by pick the enemy. Remember, sim for the head

Protect Engineers. As a Soldier, it is your job to keep the Engineer sine while he tries to complete demolition objectives. If you're outmambeed while on except duty, go ahead and bite off more than you can chove Spread year fire around. Get the energies' attention and earn your mmate volumble time. It's better for year team if year're executed by three enemies while your Engineer succe than it you take out two apponents while the third rives your Escineer before his work is done. Take one for the team.



est in explosives, the Engise resources and little they speed planting there. The Engineer can also repair brok stationary guns. And his many gronades are perfect for clearing out a room or



destroying a gun emplacement. By now, it should be clear that the Engineer is often the pivotal figure in a beltle's outcome. The wise Engineer doesn't behave like a Soldier, he conserves his ammo for necessary self defense and concentrates on doing his job.

Bloor things up. The Engineer sets explosives to open a path for his team or stroy an objective. The red data on your compass lead you to obstacles or objectives you can destroy. The larger the

dots grow, the closer you are. Planted dynamite, which glove yellow, needs to be armed before it can do its work. Use the pliers on planted dynamite until the blue progress bor is full. When the dynamito is armed, it glows rod. If you complete your demolition duty, switch to grorades and destroy camping counters and energy-hold NG/2s.

Ropair studencry guns. Only an Engineer can repair a destroyed MS42. To fix the broken weapon, use the pilers as you would to arm dynamits. Be sure to tall your foam that the gun is up and running tin. They might not notice your handwork in the heat of battle



This chart shows each class' starting ammunition with all available weapons (Note that the Cott and Thompson are Allied weapons. The Lager and MP40 are their respective Aus counterparts. Note further that Aus grenades have stupullooking wooden handles. They still blow up real good, though,)

Weapon	SOLDIER	ENGINEER	MEDIC	LIEUTENANT
Colt	32	32	32	32
Luger	32	32	32	32
Grenades	4	8	2	1
MP40	96	64	32	64
Thompson	90	60	30	60
Sten	96			64
Mausor	20			
Shotoun	30	-		
Panzerfaust	4	-		
Venom	500			
Flamethrower	200			



He hield the wounded and revives the fallen. When a Modic spawns, all his

teammates gain an additional 10 Houlth Points. He carries little ammonition and has no choice in primary weapons. Bear in mind the old adags, 'Discretion is the better part of valor." Running from battle serves the Medic well, becaus heals himself over time and has the hest tealth limit. The Medic can help his teammeter offsek the enemy, but he should not do so alone. Mainly, he should spend his time niding wounded or especiated teammates. An adept Medic can make sure his team is always fight

bowing little time for the eccesing force to catch its breath

nply wait unbil your power bar refills, then continue the heafing! A full power bar yeak's feer first aid lets. When a teammate calls for a Medic, an icon appears over his head. It you are far away, follow the icon on your compass to locate him. The closer you are, the bigger the ions grows. When you find him, petch immediate attention, escort a Soldier or two and help them fight rather than

> because you're a bester doesn't mean you can't discense a little coin. Rovive the fatien. Look for incorpacitated men reaching for the sky and screaming for you. They need your attention. To revive a fallen man, pull out a syringe and give him a shot. You have only 10 ringes, so use them constally according

wandering aimbook or hanging back

working to be called. So projective. Just

teammetes in need. Dispensing first aid licts depictes your power, which regenerates over time. When you're

temporarily unable to drop first aid kits.

to your feart's peeds

The Lieutenant is like a scaled-back der with some crucial special shiftles He can call in massive air strikes to destroy berners or clear out a group of hostile soldiers. Less fleshy but perhaps rtant, the Leutzmant pro mare emo his teammetes with extra promunition can use his binoculars to pather intel out troop movements and were ble

squad of imminent danger He shouldn't charge in on the front lines like a Soldier, but neither should be be too for away from the action, where his ability to call in air strikes and distribute arrano one more worthless. Try poining the Lightenant with a Medic so he can use his compat skills to inflict damage and never

Distribute ammunition. Drop ammo pocks at the feet of fearn members in need. It you run cet, just wait a white to recoup your power. A full power ber yields four

went for brottle

When a teammate calls for ammo, an icon appears own his head. It you are for away, follow the Icon on your compass to locate him. The closer you are, the bigger the icon grows. (Sound familiar?) Den't get unnecessarily seletracked by Sertights; remember your role on the team. It's better to distribute ammo and have multiple effective combetants than

for you to play Rambo while your team is bying to fight with pistols and lerives.

Bomb 'em. Pick a spot ripe for an ar strike and plant a smake correstor there eds will strike a large area surrounding the smoke. Bombs tall straight down and your marker, so air strikes won't be effective under overhangs or arches And obviously, you cannot use this ability indoors. You need 50 percent of your power ber to call for an air strike. Try calling in a strike behind appo

snigers, who can't see past the view of their scopes and won't notice the signed smoke below the bombardment sends them to holl-uit, that is, to the ements queue. This trick works on autdoor MG42 empleogrants, too.





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to the basket. When you're resting and when the defender goes up for lock, tap Shoot again. Your player lips o-do and gently lott the bell for two.

sands the situation. Take or the big near with your team's top handler. Take its their bedies to knock ten down. Big spys don't usually been a high Fendler or Stalls raffings, so they won't be picking your pooks. Droc you learn them in the fix, yetfil have a dear pain to the disk, yetfil have a dear pain to the picking und possibly an allay-oup opportunity.



Work the whole court. Draw the apposing team's best defender away from the hoop by awaging the tell to the week



ade of the court. Setting picks is another good way to deal with lane congestion.

Mix up year lithing. Ty ranking out a delender and then doubting back with a Volc. This can show the deferable of land assay you seem easy first Public. If you're budge posedone which making you and will keel counters, get used to interrupting your moves. Top Pass during the writings on correct to either the sheet.

Don't get tee fancy in the tane. Even if you knock one detender down, there's probably another nearby ready to counter your scoring attempt.

Central the ball. When rebounding, yee'll have an advantage if you box out. Wedge your player between an opposent and the boop betwee you go up. This way, you have a botter classon of skidning your missed shot Lips Sheet and haid Turbo for the ty-daten.) At the jump ball, don't may haid the Stow calls made in Sheet.

Practice your timing.

to keep a watchtul eye on your turbo meter and court position.

Learn to lag. As the offense approaches, don't be too eager to "man up," since it makes you velocrable to

e's close enough to try fo

Practice thievery, if your opposent is feed of the

if-court pass and fast break, practice

Aheays play tenacious D. Don't give up on the play. It's difficult, but we've seen a baller come from behald the play and thock the shet. Genet receivative are what it's all about. Challenge wony shet. Simply having a player in your appointed

Be tricky, not bricked. Don't bust cet Trick.
Counters willy-rilly. Walt and watch to
make sure the offersive player has
started doing an advanced trick, then
make mark mark.

III Game Boy Advance YU-GI-OH! WORLDWIDE EDITION

Knowing the rules of the Duel hardly guarantees victory. The best duetists have the game half wen betone they step outs the Field. They spend hours building their decks, carefully adding and ubtracting cards according to a focused strategy. They're rather clever (and scary) individuals, and we're here to turn you into one of them by showing you thn best cards in the game. But remember—dus't include these "best" cards if they don't support your deck's stratogy.

Best Attack Monsters Card Goblin Attack Force Zombyra the Gork Dark BI Gomini Elf 7 Colored Fish Bistro Butcher Gunames Bark Witch Gearlined the Iron Knight

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AY JOB SUCKS There are times during everyone's corper when they think they might have obesen the wrong line of work. For example, when a funition wearing a wet suit and night-vision goodes is hiding in the bottom of an outhouse, some poor police efficar has to drag him out of there and arrest him. Das day that cop and his talking dog were kung-hing cocaine spits on his bead from its kick-ass. this: Every time a cop handoutts a men covered in reducck excrement.

he radies in "Dispatch, this is tallet

review a game about Piglet. Over!"

-Snanbaby

patrol. At least I didn't have to

2 Over Digit to

made for people too young to distinguish

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to rescue Pooh from a pile of sticky garantel he set

ry for their brave portrovals of naturded characters. At one

sher: Gotham Garnes

B: Evrover is a tough game to judge—it's clearly stick. Four inches away, the only item on the screen just happened to be a glant glowing stick. But I was not about to lot a let I'm controlling take advice from neone who lest a life-and-death battle of with to an los-cream topping

Drawing upon my wast knowledge of edventuce-game logic pazzles, I know Posit's best chance was for Piglet to I him with scotic ass worth secrete caramel solvent. I'm emberoe to agmit I couldn't locate the combination of stems to larger that reaction, but I'm ore emberrassed to admit that I let out audible "Hooray!" after I decovered that when you kick the glant capcakes, ey kunch ceekiesi tion Line: Even mentally impaired yers may find this game locking in mplecity and challenge.



than filling out a real-life job ap There are a few positions where you get to exploit the Stooges' penchant for apstick violence, like when they, for reasons we can't possibly under

are hirtd by a restaurant to throw dies at customers. The game quickly takes a furn for the tragic, though, when they're hired as orderies. At that job, you knock dying people off their stretchers during a highnical background to judge whether one arphanage is worth the cost of hundreds of sick people happing to their deaths in a hallerry, but I do know that if the only people interested in saving an orphinage are three luxifies stopping each other in the face, they profe shouldn't be raising children. Bottom Une: Playing this game could conceivably damage your ability to enjoy any form of entertainment.



Publisher Uty Sett ESBB: Everyone

Videogames can make our wirdest dreams come to fruition And I quess ough people have listed "tapping my amb against things" as a personal dream in market-research polls, 'couse one releases a homble rhythmic

ong girte every seven hours. You'll find that Statz has worse music meet, but there's goo game's sassy voice is so busy stuleting or mecking your shifty to top the controller correctly, you usually can't hear the music. In a matter of onds, it builds you up from "Cool!" to "Amening!" to "Your thamb transcends

my wildest erotic topping fantasies?" and then ofter one mass, it has you with, "Oh, I don't think sof' Tease. Plus, check out the din' Statz "girls" balon—saxuali ng girls tas never been this scare. Line: No, really, this is the worst betten-tapping simulation yet. This time I mean R. I swear.



The Muscost Show delivered comedy skits musical numbers, and Hollywood's hot guest stars with the promise that at least once every episode, Ganzo would hint that he was about to have sex with a chicken. And though singing puppers moraged to make aller-on-chicken bestlaity poletzi enough for children's programming

see could sine this v Putting The Mappeds: On Web the Show! Into your GBA is like taking yourse'll onsoner in your own portable forture camp. And like all good forms of toriure, it doesn't confine riself to just one type at ole point. There are different minigames, most of which

require you to dodge stowly moving objects for 30 or 40 seconds. This is only challenging because the felt menstrosities you control take little or no interest in the directional commands you input. Still, it you manage to get to the storp, buy this game, and get back to your car without unling into any more then 13 or 14 is, playing Ge With the Show! will obably be an insult to your motor skills Roffiers Lines Ed gather watch the bue old Muppet dudes in the balcony make



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